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## Pastor's Seminar To Get Underway Monday Morning



DR. W. DOUGLAS HUDGINS

Final plans have been made for the Pastor's Seminar to be conducted next week at the First Church, Jackson.

The week of refresher study will get underway at 9 o'clock Monday morning. It has been announced by Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, host pastor and director of the seminar.

Every Mississippi Baptist pastor and interested church worker has been invited to attend. There will be no charge whatsoever for the seminar, but those attending will be expected to provide their own entertainment.

The regular seminar schedule will be 9 a.m. to 12 noon and from 2 to 4 p.m. Evening sessions, from 7 to 8:45, will be designed for the general public.

An outstanding faculty has been secured, including Dr. Carlyle Marney, pastor First Church, Austin, Texas; Dr. Sydnor Stealey, president Southeastern Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C., and Dr. Wayne Oates, associate professor of psychology of religion, Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

Dr. Hudgins, in announcing the seminar, makes the following statement:

"For eight years I have been wondering how the First Church, Jackson, could make the greatest contribution to the faithful pastors of our State and surrounding territory. Most of us feel the need of occasional special study and mental stimulation but few of us can ever take the time for the ordinary special courses in the various Seminaries. To keep pace with the ever increasing complexities of our demanding day is an ever-growing problem.

"This week's Seminar is our effort to answer this problem. Our church, in magnificent co-operation is providing all the expense incident to the provision of the faculty and the meeting place.



DR. WAYNE OATES

## Congregation Practices Golden Rule For 30-Day Trial Period

LANSING, Mich (RNS) — A minister who induced his flock to accept strict adherence to the Golden Rule for a 30-day trial period, assessed the results of the experiment here.

The Rev. William Hainsworth of Mayflower Congregational church "sold" the idea to his congregation on New Year's Day. When January ended the red brick edifice's 150-seat auditorium was jammed not only with church members but with neighbors and other townfolk who had heard about the project, tried it and wanted to testify to its success.

One woman said her husband had been so changed by applying the Golden Rule to his daily life that the experiment was going to be continued indefinitely in their household.

A worker in an engineering assembly plant said the 30-day application of the Biblical principle had made him "tolerant of one-time household calamities like burned toast and off schedule breakfasts."

"My wife thinks it's wonderful," he said, "and I do, too."

A married couple testified that "by practicing in our daily living the principles set forth in this 30-day test of faith, we both derive spiritual encouragement and benefit." The couple added:

"We feel certain that one should observe the principles each future day and we both will do our best to fulfill this ideal."

Only ten members of the congregation were scheduled to tell of their experiences, but many more rose spontaneously and insisted upon testifying to the success of

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## Baptist Research

By SAMUEL W. SCANTLAN

Some one has asked, "What is research?"

Dr. Charles F. Kettering once defined it: "To find out what we are going to do when we can no longer keep on doing what we are now doing."

We often resent outside criticism of ourselves, our churches or our denomination. We don't want anyone trying to tell us of our shortcomings, or maybe we should severely criticize ourselves.

Every pastor should do some research concerning his own ministry. Denominational workers should closely scrutinize their work. Why doesn't the program we have succeed? Does it need research? Are we always willing to

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## Dr. C. L. Quarles Elected President Of SBC Secretaries



DR. CHESTER L. QUARLES

Mississippi's Baptist Executive-Secretary, Dr. Chester L. Quarles, was honored at the recent meeting of the Southern Baptist Executive-Secretaries at Biloxi by being elected President of the organization. Other officers elected were Dr. W. C. Boone, of Kentucky, Vice-President, and Dr. Noel Taylor, of Illinois, Recording Secretary.

The organization is composed of Executive-Secretaries of the 22 State Baptist Conventions.

Phoenix, Arizona, was selected for the 1955 Convention which will meet there February 8-11.

## About Jesus

By Rev. Carmon Savell

Peter declared on the day of Pentecost, "Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye crucified, both Lord and Christ," (Act 2:36), and so must all Baptists believe and declare.

We believe that Jesus was born of the Virgin Mary who was espoused to Joseph, even before she had ever known man, (Matt. 1:18, 20, 23; Luke 1:26-35); that God himself was his father by means of the Holy Spirit.

We believe that Jesus was co-existent with God in the beginning; that He was with God in the creation of all things as shown in Gen. 1:26a and John 1:1-3, 14; that He was the revelation of God's love to man and God's will for man (John 1:14; 3:16).

We believe that he became man, "Jesus of Nazareth, a MAN approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you." (Acts 2:22; "And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon him." (Luke 2:40), to show to sinful man the way to God both by precept and example.

We believe that though he was thoroughly man yet he was divine, the only begotten Son of God full



REV. CARMON SAVELL

of grace and truth (John 1:14; 2:16); yet he lived without sin, "Jesus Christ the righteous", to become sin for us who himself knew no sin (2 Cor. 5:21).

We believe that he became the sin sacrifice for all men, effective personally to all who would believe; that he was crucified on the cross and died a natural physical death to pay man's sin debt because of the death penalty for sin; that he was buried and the third day was raised from the dead as was clearly proven to the disciples; that in forty days he ascended back into heaven to the Father to become our mediator, interceding to the

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## 306 Converts Reported In Panama Revival; Five Mississippians Lead

By DR. G. C. HODGE

Sixteen pastors from Alabama, Florida, Mississippi, Oklahoma, and Texas were requested to conduct revival meetings in the churches of Panama under the direction of the Home Mission Board during the first week in February. Those from Mississippi were, C. A. Alexander, Booneville; W. P. Davis, Flora; Carl Duck, Morton; E. D. Estes, Biloxi; G. C. Hodge, Biloxi.

Members of the party met in Mexico City. Our missionary in Mexico, Rev. Orvil W. Reid, who is stationed about three hundred miles north of Mexico City, flew down to be our host and to direct us on a two day and night tour of the city of some three million population and the surrounding communities. A volume could be written on what we saw and learned about Baptist growth in this country in the face of Catholic, pagan and materialistic opposition.

Guatemala

The Catholic priests endeavored to keep us out of the city of Guatemala, a city of some three hundred thousand population, but we arrived at noon on January 25. The government of Guatemala grants religious freedom to all people. We failed to learn why the priests tried to block us unless it was because they did not want us to learn how weak the Catholics are in that nation.

Our missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. W. J. Webb were our hosts there. Brother Webb took us through many miles of coffee fields to a city of about five thousand Indians. It was a strange looking city. The streets were lined on either side with corn stalks about eight feet tall, tied with vines so close together they made an almost solid wall. The streets gave the appearance of lanes not much wider than our car. The houses, many of which were made of corn

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## Congregational Practices

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The trial. In addition, Mr. Hainsworth read excerpts from letters received from such distant points as San Francisco and Washington, D.C.—for word of his experiment had spread.

One of the letters, from a California attorney, said the Golden Rule would "do more toward achieving peace than all the Big Four conferences from now until eternity."

Mr. Hainsworth said he decided on the 30-day trial because he is convinced that "civilization can survive an age flirting with atomic war only through some kind of worldwide application of the Golden Rule."

"Many practice Christianity," he said, "but there are others who are hesitant. They agree that Christianity is a beautiful thing, but they are afraid it will fall to pieces if it is taken out and tried in the tumultuous world."

"But time is running out; we must find the answer fast. And there can be no security until the world wholeheartedly accepts God and the practical application of the Golden Rule."

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Reports from Hong Kong have said that Chinese Communists have started to demolish all Christian churches in Kwangtung Province. Three have already been torn down and the members imprisoned.

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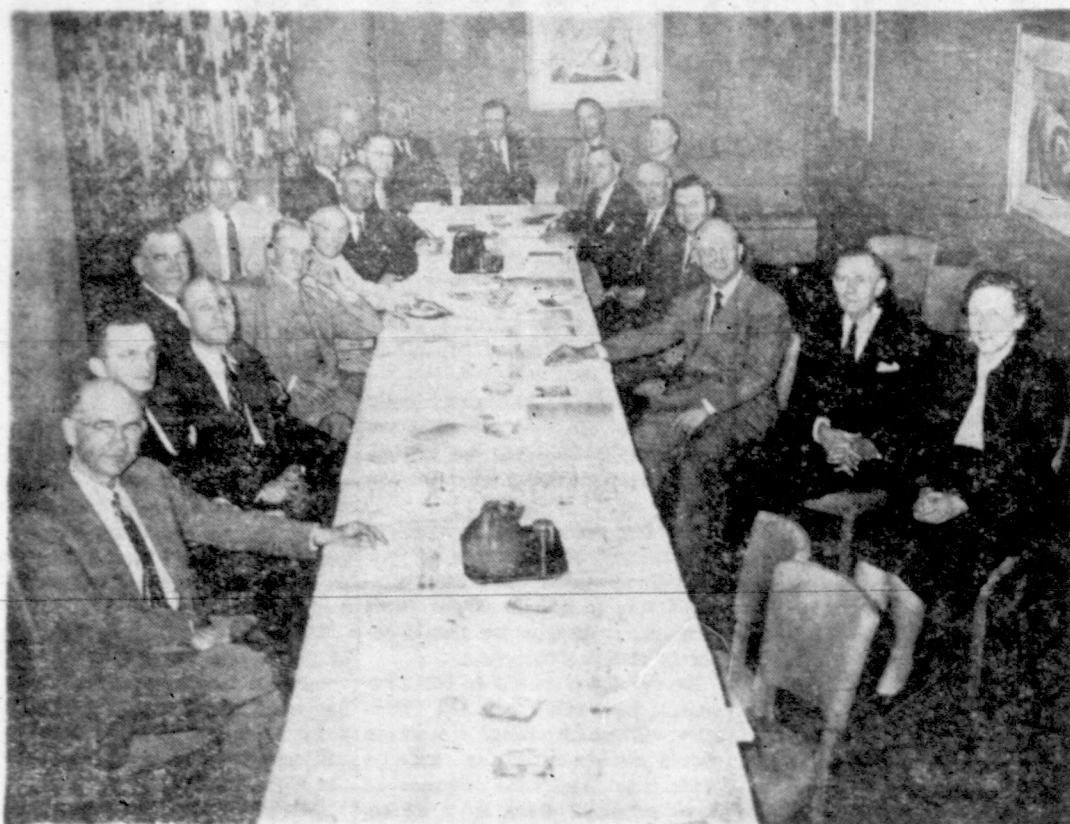
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## Southern Baptist Editors Meet In Biloxi



Shown above is a group of editors attending the meeting of the Southern Baptist Press Association which met last week in Biloxi. Around the table, left to right, they are: Dr. Leon Macon (Ala.), John J. Hurt, Jr. (Ga.); Rev. Jack Gritz (Okla.); Dr. A. C. Miller (Social Service Commission); Dr. D. M. Gardner (Tex.); Rev. B. J. Murrie (Ill.); Dr. John Caylor (Home Mission Board); Dr. L. L. Carpenter (N. C.); Dr. Richard Owen (Tenn.); Dr. B. H. Duncan (Ark.); Dr. F. W. Tinnin (La.); R. L. Pogue (Ky.); Emmett McLoughlin (Phoenix, Ariz.); Dr. W. G. Stracener (Fla.); Dr. Albert McClelland (Executive Committee); Dr. A. L. Goodrich (Miss.); John F. McDermott (Chicago); Rev. Barry Garrett (Ariz.); Dr. H. H. McGinty (Mo.); Dr. S. H. Jones (S. C.); and Miss Ione Gray (The Commission).

"A religious newspaper must not only be informative, it must also be inspirational. The very nature of the papers make it optional with a circulation of one and a half million weekly," William F. McDermott, Chicago free lance writer, told members of the Southern Baptist Press Association at its annual convention in Biloxi.

Mr. McDermott, former religious editor of the Chicago Daily News and author of several Readers Digest and Collier articles, conducted a series of lectures for the conventioners.

In discussing Southern Baptist newspapers, he told the group, "Your papers reach more people in one week than preachers could reach speaking to audiences of 1,000 each twice daily for two years."

"A religious editor reaches a stable audience. Unlike the Sunday morning audience, it is not transitional," he pointed out.

"The people reached by the Protestant papers of America are

many times more than the movie audience of 75,000,000," Dr. McDermott stated, adding, "Editors should become more aware of their influence and seek wider circulation, better integration of the papers into the lives of the denomination and wider distribution outside the denomination."

Emmett McLoughlin, former Catholic priest and now superintendent of Memorial Hospital, Phoenix, Arizona, also delivered three lectures using as his subjects "Education and Catholic Power"; "The Human Mind and Catholic Power"; and "The Achilles Heel of Catholic Power."

Mr. McLoughlin also led several open discussions. These served to open the eyes of the editors concerning many Catholic practices.

Officers elected are: Dr. D. M. Gardner, editor of the Texas Baptist Standard, as President; John J. Hurt, Jr. editor of the Georgia Baptist Index, Vice-President; and Dr. W. G. Stracener, editor of the Florida Baptist Witness, Secretary and Treasurer.

Other outstanding papers were presented by Dr. H. H. McGinty, Missouri, "Religion and Public Education"; Dr. R. E. Alley, Virginia, "Christianity and Communism"; Dr. L. L. Carpenter, North Carolina, "Problems Facing Our Denomination."

On Tuesday night Editor Goodrich and Secretary Quarles were co-hosts to the editors and the Executive-Secretaries at a Sea Food Jamboree. Various Mississippi organizations including the Masonite Corporation, the Knox Glass Company, the Mississippi Agricultural and Industrial Board, Iodin Tooth Paste and the Biloxi Chamber of Commerce provided Mississippi products which were presented to the guests.

A drawing was held and the winner was Dr. T. B. Lackey, Oklahoma's Executive-Secretary. He was awarded a bedroom suit (pajamas).

Wednesday afternoon was given to a boat trip around the bay.

The 1955 meeting will be held in Phoenix, Arizona.

## What Baptists

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Father for all believers; we further believe that he will come again in like manner as he went away as proclaimed by the angels on the day of the ascension; therefore, we believe that he is ever living to make intercession for us, he is not dead but risen.

We believe that He is the personal Saviour of all who will believe on His name; that through faith in His name will we be saved and our sins blotted out, eternal life freely be given; that his blood shed on the cross is the only sufficient atonement for sin and that his atonement is available only by grace through the channel of our personal faith in Christ (John 3:16; Acts 2:38; Eph. 2:8,9); not only do we believe that he will save us from our sins but will create in us a new life to serve in his kingdom as witnesses of these things (Eph. 2:10; 2 Cor. 5:17-21).

We believe conclusively that He is the Christ, the Son of the Living God as Peter declared in Matthew 16:16; that He is the Messiah promised by the prophets to Israel as shown by mighty works and wonders which God did through him in his earthly ministry (Acts 2:22-36).

"Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus whom ye crucified, both Lord and Christ."

—BR—

## Baptist Research

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do things just like old Brother Wonder did them? Does our preaching program need improvement?

Should the pastor enter the pulpit from another door? Would it be better to rearrange the music program? Is the baptismal service the best it could be? Any changes needed? Does the person who enters our churches have the feeling, "I've seen and heard this before?"

An outstanding preacher almost ruins his messages by having acquired a bad habit of hitching his trousers every few minutes. He needs some outside criticism. But he wouldn't like that, so he should have a dose of self-criticism.

Baptists must keep on with more and better research. But, even so, we are much like the farmer when asked to buy some books on "Better Farming," replied, "I'm not farming now as well as I know how." So most of us preachers and most of our churches are not doing as well as we could.

Yet, I would say that all of us should criticize ourselves sharply and diligently search out anew the reasons for many of our shortcomings.

If a church can't keep a preacher or she needs some inside research—and if a preacher is always without a church, he should also do some very serious research into his own life and methods.

Baptists everywhere must do some research into their ways of doing things. If there is a better way we must find it.

Editor's Note: Samuel W. Scanlan is superintendent of rural and city missions of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma.

## Key Field Church calls Rev. James H. Sollie

Rev. James H. Sollie, pastor of Indian Springs Church, Perry County, has accepted the pastorate of Keyfield Church, Meridian. He succeeds Rev. R. H. Cherry who recently resigned.

Mr. Sollie is a veteran of World War II and is married to the former Miss Maurine Brown, of Caseyville. He was educated at Howard College and Mississippi Southern and the New Orleans Seminary. His former pastorates include Hebron, Sunny Grove, and Pine Forest Churches.

## PASTOR'S CONFERENCE PROGRAM RELEASED

The program of the Southern Baptist Pastor's Conference which meets in St. Louis, preceding the Southern Baptist Convention, on May 31-June 1, has been released by the program committee.

Ramsey Pollard is the chairman. Many Mississippians will remember him as he has appeared on several state-wide programs.

The Monday evening service will hear addresses by Rev. O. R. Shields, Dr. Ramsey Pollard, Dr. Grady Cothen, Dr. E. H. Westmoreland, Dr. Paul M. Stevens, and Governor Allan Shivers of Tex-

as. The Tuesday morning program includes addresses by Rev. Frank E. Morris, Dr. Charles W. Pope, Dr. J. M. Price; Dr. Carl Bates, and Dr. W. D. Wyatt.

The Tuesday afternoon session will hear Dr. S. R. Woodson, pastor's conference program or the SBC program), Dr. Dale Moody, Walter Warmath, and Rev. Roy O. McClain.

The concluding service will be held on Tuesday evening. Among those scheduled for addresses are Dr. Sterling Price, Dr. A. B. Van Arsdale, Rev. Charles C. Bowles, and Dr. Robert G. Lee.



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In an article in the October 8 issue of Christian Index, Dr. Dick H. Hall, Jr., pastor of First Church, Decatur, Georgia, and Mississippian on lend-lease to that state, quotes the bulletin of the Rose Park Church, Salt Lake City, Utah, as follows: "We wish to apologize for a mis-print in last week's issue of the bulletin, which

No person is really "tied" to the church unless he is "tied to all of it."

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## Sparks & Splinters

"Lottery funds" are not acceptable to the Baptists of New Zealand. The Baptist Union has refused a government grant of 500 pounds (\$1,400) for the erection of a home for children at Auckland on the grounds that the money came from the lottery.

According to information coming to the Baptist Record the Athens Church in Monroe County is making steady progress under the leadership of Rev. John Andrews, who has moved on the field. The church has also gone from quarter to half-time services and has had 18 additions, 10 for baptism, during the past year.

A special baby dedication service was held at the Byram Church during the morning worship service of February 7. The parents of babies under two years of age participated. Rev. Henry J. Bennett, pastor, was in charge. After his short talk on the parents' responsibility in bringing up their children in Christian surroundings, the parents brought their babies forward to pledge their lives to rearing their children to become Godly adults. Following a short prayer the babies were given a small plaque in commemoration of the event.

**NEW ORLEANS** — Enrollment at the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary for the third term includes 14 Mississippi students who have entered for the first time during the current session. They are: J. W. Brister, (Jackson), William T. Broadus (Escatawpa), Charles M. Case (McComb), Samuel W. Cochran (Wassnesboro), Purser Smith Davis (Hazlehurst), Benton E. Evans (Hazlehurst), William Bryce Evans (Ellisville), Betty Graham (Brookhaven), Mrs. Roy S. Humphrey (Poplarville), R. B. Hutchenson (Brookhaven), Mr. and Mrs. Theodore W. Lott (Seminary), Mrs. Durell Makamson (Greenwood), and Noxie J. Taylor (Laur-el).

The Baptist Record appreciates a copy of resolutions recently adopted by the First Church, Kosciusko, concerning Rev. A. B. Pierce, who was pastor from April 1, 1949, until June 30, 1953. The resolutions call attention to the fact that during his pastorate there were 359 received by baptism and 427 by letter and statement, with total contributions amounting to \$318,261.52. The resolutions also expressed appreciation of his leadership in the Sunday School, with the attendance being more than doubled, as was the Training Union attendance. It also made note of the fact that it was under his leadership that the actual construction of the new church building was begun.

The Foreign Mission Board has received a petition from Matanao on the eastern coast of Mindanao where medical work is being projected — signed by 52 of its leading people — urging Southern Baptists to send them evangelistic missionaries.

Recently the Baptist Record has received several reports of Study courses being held in various churches. The Baptist Record is always interested in news and wants to pass it on as much as possible. However, a study course is only of local interest and is not of state-wide interest. Therefore, we are asking our readers not to send us news notes about study courses. They are the usual thing. It is not news that a church has a study course. It would be news if a church went a year without a study course. Of course, the study course is of interest to the local people, but we doubt if space should be used to report that such and such a church had a study course. Therefore, beginning March 1, the mere fact that a church had a study course will not be considered as news. In some instances, if something unusual or out of the ordinary happens in connection with the study course, that gives it news value.

**LOUISVILLE, Ky.** — (BP) — Ben C. Fisher, executive secretary of the Department of Christian Education, General Association of Baptists in Kentucky, has resigned. The resignation will take effect March 15, 1954. Fisher will accept a position on the faculty of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C.

Among the recent visitors to the Baptist Building were: Rev. and Mrs. C. L. Boland, Silver Creek; Mrs. Morris Honea, Magnolia; Gene Honea, Magnolia; Mrs. Will Ratliff and Cecelia Ann, Bruce; Rev. Sammie Crawford, Bruce; Winfred Brasher, Bruce; Raymond Bennett, Bruce; Rev. J. Millard Purl, Sallis; Rev. Charles Everett, Merigold; Roy Vardaman, Round Lake; R. C. Dennis, Terry; Rev. H. H. Ward, Kosciusko; Rev. Lloyd A. Sparkman, Kosciusko; Dr. Brooks H. Wester, Brookhaven; Rev. Frank Armstrong, Clinton.

Following the completion of the new annex, Byram Church was the scene of a shower for the furnishing of the spacious kitchen. Among the many articles given were plates, glasses, pots, potholders, platters, cooking utensils, stainless dinnerware, cups and saucers. The kitchen will be used by the various organizations of the church in preparing for banquets, dinners, or luncheons which will be held in the adjoining dining room with a seating capacity of 200. Other donations to the kitchen will be made by the various organizations of the church.

Total gifts in the Southern Baptist Convention reached a record high of \$278,851,129, a gain of \$30,846,840 over 1952, or 12.4 per cent. This represented \$35.36 in per capita gifts, compared with \$32.48 in 1952.

SBC Training Union enrollment showed a gain of 10.3 per cent, reaching a total of 1,849,544. The number of Training Unions increased to 19,015, a gain of 6.9 per cent.

Southern Baptists now have 29,496 churches, a gain of 631 over 1952, or 2.2 per cent. Of this number, 14,688 are open country; 4,906, village; 3,959, town; and 5,943 city churches. Associations have increased to 1017, a gain of 16 over 1952.

**NASHVILLE, Tenn.** — (BP) —

Parents, pastors, and teachers, do you have the names and addresses of any Southern Baptist young men who are enrolled at West Point and the Naval Academy at Annapolis? If so, please send them to G. Kearnie Keegan, secretary, Department of Student Work, 161 Eighth Aven. N., Nashville, Tenn. Dr. Keegan is most anxious for the Student Department to make direct contact with these young men to help them in any way possible. Won't you send the names today?

Rev. Arthur H. Leslie has resigned the pastorate at Houka Church to accept the pastorate at West End Church, Selma, Ala.

The Baptist Record appreciates a copy of the minutes of the forty-second annual session of the Jefferson Davis Associational Meeting. It was held with the Hathorn Church on October 23, 1953. The next meeting will be at Victory Church on October 22, 1954. The minutes are attractively prepared and printed.

"The prevalent opinion among ordinary Spaniards is this: If full religious liberty were proclaimed in Spain tomorrow and no one were discriminated against because of his religion or his lack of religion, seventy-five per cent of the Spanish people would abandon all connection with the church. The lower and middle classes would practically do so en masse," Dr. John McKay.

Broadmoor Church Jackson held the formal opening exercises for their new building at East Northside Drive at Manhattan on Sunday February 14. Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, pastor of the First Church, Jackson, was the speaker. Rev. Gordon Sansing is the pastor.

## Sandersville Welcomes New Pastor



REV. DONALD J. TISDALE

The new pastor, Rev. Donald J. Tisdale, and Mrs. Tisdale were formally welcomed by the entire community in a reception at the Sandersville Church Sunday afternoon Feb. 7.

Mr. Tisdale comes from Texas, where for the past three years he served as pastor of the First Church at Laneville. Previously, he studied at Baylor University, Waco, and the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, receiving the B. A. and B. D. degrees respectively. Mrs. Tisdale also completed her collegiate work at Baylor.

The Tisdales have two small ones, Donald and Steven.

—BR—

Missionary John Abernathy, Korea, reports 130 churches (20 self-supporting), 23 ordained Korean pastors, 74 lay preachers, 1,992 baptisms in 1953, 12,221 inquirers (professed believers not yet baptized), and contributions amounting to \$21,619.80 — the largest amount Korean Baptists have ever given.



DR. W. L. HOWSE

## Convention Speaker

Dr. W. L. Howse, professor of religious education, Southwestern Baptist Seminary, Fort Worth, will be one of the principal speakers and conference leaders when the three state Sunday School conventions are held March 9-10-11.

Dr. Howse will speak each afternoon on "Fundamentals in Gaining a Million" and will lead the conference for pastors and superintendents.

The three conventions will meet as follows: Tuesday, First Church, Cleveland; Wednesday, First Church, Yazoo City; and Thursday, First Church, Natchez.

The meetings will be sponsored by the State Sunday School Department, Dr. E. C. Williams, secretary.

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Dr. and Mrs. James D. Belote, Southern Baptist missionaries to Hong Kong, announce the birth of Linda Anne on February 4 in Hong Kong. Their address is 169 Boundary Street, Kowloon, Hong Kong. Mrs. Belote, the former Martha Bigham, is a native of Water Valley, Miss.

## PASTOR'S SEMINAR First Baptist Church, Jackson

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## PASTORS TO RECEIVE TRANSFER CARDS

Ministers Security Plan transfer agreement cards will be in the hands of all active retirement plan pastors and churches by March 1 of this year, it has been announced by the Relief and Annuity Board. Since the adoption of the Plan at the state conventions, many pastors have expressed their enthusiasm and interest in becoming members of the new Plan.

Adoption of the security plan by two-thirds of these active pastors and churches will mean increases in the provisions listed below. No pastor may join the Ministers Security Plan, however, unless his church joins with him.

The pastor's wife will have an assurance of a lifetime annuity whether member's death occurs before or after retirement. Previously, this benefit (Widows Supplemental Annuity Plan) ceased when the pastor retired, and the member could take a reduced annuity while he was living, so that his wife could receive 50 percent of that annuity should he die after retirement.

Disability annuity has been extended from a maximum of \$500 per year, to \$900 per year, or the member may retire on a commuted annuity if disabled after the age of 60.

For the pastor who finds himself without a church after the age of 60, and is unable, through no fault of his own, to obtain another pastorate, the commuted annuity is available also, should he find it necessary to retire for any reason before the age of 65.

Penalty for delayed participation in the new plan will extend only after the age of 25, or date of first pastorate after that age.

All this, combining benefits of the Ministers Retirement and Widows Supplemental Annuity Plans with other benefits, is available at only a small increase in payments.

If the pastor participates in both the ministers and widows plans, his increased cost would be only 1/2 of 1 per cent of his salary—from 4 1/2 per cent to 5 per cent. For ages 60-70 the cost would be 5/8 per cent. To the church, the increase would be 2 per cent. If the pastor is in MRP only the increase will be 2 per cent of his salary; to the church 2 per cent.

Those members active in the Ministers Retirement Plan will be contacted by mail the latter part of February. If you do not receive a letter and agreement card before March 1, write your Relief and Annuity Board. If you are not a member of the retirement plan, you must join the Plan before you can become active in the new Ministers Security Plan.

—BR—  
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## BOONEVILLE, FIRST IS NOW DEBT-FREE



Shown above is Rev. C. A. Alexander (left) and John M. Curlee as they burned the Note and Trust Deed on the First Church, Booneville. (Photo by courtesy of the Booneville Independent)

## Miss. College Band To Tour

The Mississippi College Concert Band will make its first tour Sunday, February 21 when "the band with a sacred message" visits three churches.

Sunday morning the band will render the service at the Taylorsville church, Rev. W. H. Merritt, pastor; Sunday afternoon it will present its service of sacred music at First Church, Laurel, Rev. T. R. McKibbens, pastor and Sunday evening it will have charge of the service at the Bay Springs Church, Dr. Cecil W. Jones, pastor.

The band is under the direction of Prof. Walter B. Duda, director of Instrumental Music of the college who declared "The officers and director are dedicating their band to work of the Lord."

## S. S. ASSOCIATION ORGANIZED IN CALHOUN

Representatives from 21 churches in Calhoun County Association met at the First Church, Calhoun City, on Feb. 11 for the purpose of effecting an associational Sunday school organization.

There were 110 registered for the meeting and the following officers were elected: Mr. C. C. Parker, supt.; Rev. C. H. Cutrell, associate supt. in charge of Training; Rev. J. B. Middleton, associate supt. in charge of Evangelism; Rev. J. S. Dorrah, Vacation Bible school supt.; Mr. Ford Harrelson, secretary and treasurer.

Proposed goals for the "Million More in '54" campaign were reported by the churches represented and an over-all goal of a 20 per cent increase was adopted. An inspirational address was delivered by Dr. John W. Landrum, pastor of the First Church, Grenada, and Mississippi's member of the Sunday School Board. Next meeting date was set for May 6.

At the conclusion of the sermon by Rev. C. A. Alexander on Sunday, Jan. 17, the pastor called the chairman of the Board of Deacons, John M. Curlee, to the pulpit for a short ceremony, burning the notes and trust deed on the property of the First Church, Booneville.

Prior to the burning of the notes, Mr. Curlee quoted the costs of constructing the educational building, making a total of \$78,668.45.

The annex to the church, built in 1948 and 1949, would cost an estimated \$100,000 at present prices.

## First Television Film Viewed By Millions

"The Coming of Christ," first of the film series, "The Life of Christ," which is being prepared for the Radio and Television Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, has been shown to date on 32 television stations in 25 states. The stations are located as far west as Portland, Ore., and as far north as Duluth, Minn.

According to information contained in the December 28 issue of "Broadcasting and Telecasting" magazine, based on sworn affidavits from television stations, 11,471,004 television sets have been within viewing distance of the stations showing "The Coming of Christ."

This is a potential audience of approximately 50 million persons. It is estimated that a minimum of 15 to 20 million persons have seen the film.

The second film of the series depicting the crucifixion of Christ will be released around Easter to television stations.

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While baptisms in the Southern Baptist Convention gained 2.1 per cent over 1952, the ratio of baptism to membership continues to climb. In 1953 the ratio was 1 to 21.8, compared to 1 to 21.5 in 1952.

## — MUSIC DEPARTMENT —

W. C. MORGAN, Secretary

### SCOTT HOLDS SIMULTANEOUS MUSIC WEEK

Under the leadership of Rev. Roy Self, associational missionary, and Mr. Moody Purvis, associational music director, a member of music schools were held in Scott county last week simultaneously. Ten to 15 churches are expected to cooperate in the schools that were taught by Mrs. Owen Estes, Mount Olive, R. D. Moon, Pelahatchie, and James Hayes, Durant. At the time of this writing a fine interest in the schools is shown. All the schools are classified as area schools and all nearby churches will cooperate.

This program is sponsored jointly by the Scott County Music Association and mission work, and the State Music Department.

### SCHEDULE OF ASSOCIATION SCHOOLS FOR 1954

Below is a list of our associational music schools sponsored by the music departments of the respective associations in which the State Music secretary will participate during the year. March 9-

12—Jones Association, March 28-April 2—Holmes Association, May 23-28—Grenada Association, June 13-18—Panola Association, June 27-July 2—Benton Association, August 15-20—Bolivar Association, September 13-17—Mississippi Association, October 3-8—Tallhatchie Association, October 17-21—Tippah Association.

Two other associations have been offered the only remaining weeks available by our State Music Secretary.

All churches in the above named associations are asked to please avoid a schedule of any activities during the music week that would interfere with full participation. The Music Department asks full cooperation by all the churches in these special music efforts.

### IMPORTANT REMINDER

All associational music directors remember to attend the State Planning Meeting for associational music directors and missionaries, Feb. 22, next Monday, in the Baptist Building, Jackson 10 a. m. to 4 p. m. Don't forget!

### Jimmy Hathorn Licensed



JIMMY HATHORN

Jimmy Hathorn was recently licensed to preach by the Bassfield Church. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Hathorn of Bassfield. Jimmy is now a student at Clarke College, and plans to attend Mississippi College this fall.

Rev. G. W. Smith is the pastor of the Bassfield church.

### STATESVILLE, N. C. —(BP)—

Back in 1933 a young Negro applied for the job as janitor and general handy man at Western Avenue Baptist Church here. The applicant was Junious Summers, who started his first day by keeping up in the fire in the furnace. For the past twenty years, as regular as clockwork, he has continued to keep the building and premises in tip-top condition. Members of the church congregation, feeling twenty years service deserves recognition, declared a "June Summers Day." At the morning worship service "June," as every one know him, and his wife were honored guests of the church. "I belonged to another denomination, before coming here to work," "June" said, "but now I am a Baptist."

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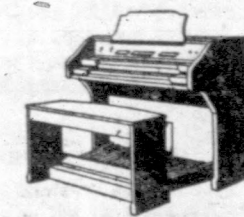
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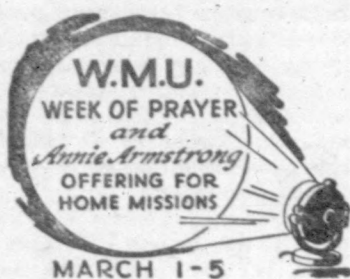
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### YOU CAN HELP

From a letter from Curran and Nina Belle Gunn, missionaries to the French:

"We send a special prayer request—the building program for this field—that we may know what kind of a program the Lord would have in this community. We have discussed a pastor's home, remodeling and repairing and adding to our present auditorium, and building a new auditorium using the old bldg for the educational building. So far we have not started anything after two years of trying. It seems that every time the program is stopped.

"It isn't a matter of what kind of building we need, because we need them all and a chapel in an unchurched section. The question is which to start first. Our fund is not large, but we know it will grow when a building starts up. A building program will not solve all our problems, but it will help solve many of them, including interest, attendance, and stewardship."



February 14-20 is FOCUS WEEK for Young Woman's Auxiliary. Already you are in the midst of honoring these young women in your church. May this emphasis be but the beginning of a year of rich missionary growth among all your young people.

### WMS Focus Week Echoes

Spanish Fort WMS had a banquet as a highlight of focus week. The church was attractively decorated to carry out the theme, "Christ for the Whole Wide World." On a table in the

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foreground was a large white cross overshadowing a globe. The speakers table had an open Bible with streamers going out to figures representing ways of spreading the gospel. Place cards were outline maps of foreign countries and the favors and programs were WMS colors. Mrs. C. E. McGhee of Holly Bluff was guest speaker, using as her subject, "Why I Am a WMU Member."

The Spanish Fort Society has been organized about two months. They have eight members and eight subscribers to Royal Service.

Ludlow reports the Focus Week was a week of outstanding events.

Sunday morning, January 11th the women sat in reserved seats. The pastor, Rev. Nat Mayhall used the WMS watchword, "Laborers together with God" as his subject; missionary hymns were used throughout the service. At a supper meeting Monday night, thirteen women met to study the WMU Manual. Wednesday night the regular circle meetings were held. To climax the week, the WMS and GA entertained Francis Mayo and Philip Maayah, students at Clarke College from Bethlehem, Israel—these students were week-end guests of the WMS.

These activities made Focus Week a much talked-of event and one that will long bear fruit. Mrs. Joe Denson, publicity chairman sent this report.

### Griffith Choir Renders Program At Raymond

The Cherub Choir of Griffith Memorial Church, Jackson, under the direction of Hugh Burford and Edna Mae Mahaffey went to Raymond to visit the residents of The Home or the Aged on Sunday, February 7.

A program consisting of songs and scripture was presented.

Those making the trip were, Frances Carolyn Flynt, Linda Margaret Melton, Eva Dean, Sandra Morgan, Jackie Sue Stendebach, Dollie Humes, Johnnie Brookshire, Jerry Lachina, Jean Kinard, Jackie Allen, Mr. C. E. Humes, Mr. Fred Melton, Mrs. Ernest Kinard, Mrs. M. T. Dean, Mrs. Stendebach, Mrs. Zeke Allen, Mr. Garnett Lancaster, Hugh Burford and Edna Mae Mahaffey.

SBC Sunday school enrolment climbed to 5,759,128, for a gain of 268,072 over 1952, or 4.9 per cent. The number of Sunday schools increased to 28,779, a gain of 739 new Sunday schools.

## Woman's College Opens Ministerial Storehouse

By REV. S. M. WHITE

Since going coeducational there will naturally be many of our preacher boys with families who will be coming to our college to finish their college work. In fact we already have some of them now. Some of them will no doubt need some assistance before the year is out. In fact, we have some already here that need help this very moment.

In order to meet the needs of these men as they arise we have worked out a plan whereby you can render a great service and have a part in preparing them to do more efficient work in carrying out the Great Commission of our Lord. I have known men and I am sure you have too who have had to drop out of school because they did not have quite enough finances to sustain them in their

## VICKSBURG PASTOR TO PREACH IN ALASKA



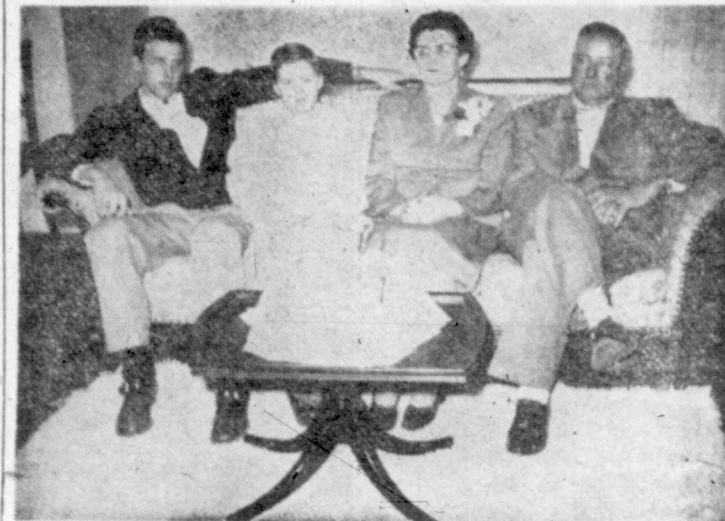
DR. JOHN G. McCALL

First Baptist Church, Vicksburg, will send their pastor, Dr. John G. McCall, to Alaska in April of 1955 to be a member of a team of Southern Baptist ministers to conduct an evangelistic crusade in that territory.

The Department of Evangelism of the Home Mission Board requested the church to sponsor Dr. McCall's trip as a part of the crusade being conducted by the board.

Dr. Cecil Knox, chairman of the church finance committee, told the business session of the church, "I feel that it is a signal honor to our church and to our pastor to be given the privilege of providing this extra effort for missions in addition to our regular contributions through the cooperative program. 'I personally feel like a part of the church which sent the Apostle Paul out on his missionary journey by having a part in this', he continued.

## Woodville Church Honors Pastor



By Rev. D. O. Horne

On Jan. 31 the Brotherhood of the Woodville Church took the evening service away from Pastor O. B. Beverly and then gave it back to him with befitting expressions of love and appreciation on the part of the entire church and community. It was the fourth anniversary, and "OUR BEVERLYS" was the appropriate theme.

The pastor and family sat on the designated seat of honor as the members of the Brotherhood, speaking for the church, recited records of achievements and testimonies of appreciation. Four years ago the Beverlys came from Florida to Woodville. No pastor and family could be more beloved or more un-animously followed than the Beverlys at Woodville.

Some achievements recited were as follows: 1949 S. S. enrolment, 100; now 226; BTU enrolment 25; now 138. Four years ago there was no evening preaching service except a union service in the community; tonight the house is full to capacity. Four years ago there was a struggling W.M.S.; now there is a fully graded W.M.U. In 1949 there was no VBS; last year the enrolment was 308 and assisted in three Negro VBS with a total approximate enrolment of 550. During the four years there have been 128 baptisms into the membership of this church. The value of the church property has increased from \$30,000 to \$125,000. Total gifts four years ago were \$4,091; total gifts last year, \$14,364.

## WOMAN OF DISTINCTION

"Herewith we submit a free ad to the liquor industry to be used in its 'women of distinction' series during the Christmas holidays. The 'finished' product is Bonnie Brown Heady, 41, readily identified as one of the two kidnap killers of little Bobby Greenlease. Smart advertising men could work up a beautiful and gracious-looking background for the ad. Here are the words of Mrs. Heady:

"I am not trying in any way to make excuses for my actions. But I think anyone will find if you drink from one to two fifths of whisky a day for a year and a half that your brain doesn't function properly."

"And the lawyer of her partner in crime—Carl Austin Hall—said that Hall drank up a \$200,000 inheritance in three years and will die a pauper on December 18.

"P. S.—In the same daily newspaper, one of the big distilling companies was announcing bigger dividends to stockholders."—Charity and Children.

After the touching service conducted by the Brotherhood, the congregation assembled in the Sunday School Annex where the ladies had prepared a 4th Birthday Cake beautifully decorated, "THE BEVERLYS."

SBC W. M. U. enrollment increased to 1,188,080, a gain of 3.9 per cent; while the Brotherhood gained 13.3 per cent, with a present enrolment of 242,918.

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DR. EDGAR WILLIAMSON

Adult Sunday School workers over the state are most fortunate in their conference leader for our three conventions, March 9 - 11, in Cleveland, Yazoo City and Natchez.

Dr. Edgar Williamson, state Sunday School secretary of Arkansas, will be with us for those three days and will direct all the conferences for Adult Sunday School officers and teachers.

This fine and capable Sunday School leader has been for several years one of our very best workers and is recognized widely for his ability in this field. He is eminently qualified, both from training and experience, to give our Adult leaders some excellent help.

Therefore, we urge adult workers over the state to plan now to be in one of these conferences. This age group is of such vital importance to the work right now that we need to give most earnest consideration to the best methods of and plans of doing it.

These conferences will help much at this point.

### WHAT ABOUT THAT BUS TRIP TO GLORIETA?

Yes, indeed, we are planning on running a nice, air conditioned bus to one of the Sunday school weeks at Glorieta, New Mexico, this summer.

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## MISSION VOLUNTEER



Shirley Smith, at left, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Plummer Smith of Puckett, surrendered her life as a missionary on February 7th. She is the first member of the

County Line Church, Rankin county, ever to volunteer for full-time Christian service. She is an honor student at Mississippi Southern and plans to enter Mississippi College next term.

Under the leadership of Pastor Richard G. Wooten, the church has noted much growth. The offering has doubled. A goal of 100 was set for Sunday School attendance on February 7, and exceeded by 6.

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## Houlka Church Ordains Five New Deacons

The Houlka Church, at the Sunday night service, February 7, ordained Dan Sims, Eland Brown, W. H. Jackson, Guy Germany, and J. M. Phillips as deacons.

Rev. George Edens of Zion Church, Pontotoc Association delivered the ordination sermon. The pastor, Rev. Arthur H. Leslie, delivered the charge to the new deacons, their wives, and the church.

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## CROSBY CHURCH HOLDS DOUBLE ORDINATION

In a unique ordination service, Feb. 12, the Crosby Church ordained three deacons, and a former deacon was ordained to the Gospel ministry. The deacons are Paul Donigan, A. N. Terral, and Cletus McCurley. W. H. (Bill) Wilkinson, a young deacon who was licensed to preach last summer, was set aside to the Gospel ministry.

The pastor, Rev. David Irby, was elected chairman of the examining Council consisting of Dr. Jack Roddy, N. O. Seminary faculty member, Rev. L. B. Spradlin, student N. O. Seminary, Rev. L. P. Leavell, former pastor of Crosby and now pastor First Baptist Church, Charleston, Rev. H. B. McClure, pastor in Louisiana, and Rev. D. O. Horne, Supt. of missions, Mississippi Association; and the following deacons: C. H. Whittington, Woodville, Carl S. Wilson, B. F. Herman, E. E. McCarthy, C. S. Brewer, and Johnny Hartfield, deacons of Crosby.

Rev. D. O. Horne gave the charge to the deacons; Dr. Roddy gave the charge to the minister. Pastor Irby presented a Bible to the minister and a book, "Honoring the Deaconship", to each of the deacons on behalf of the church. Rev. Leavell brought the message. Ordination prayer was led by Rev. L. B. Spradlin.

Brother Wilkinson is a first-year student at the New Orleans Seminary and his wife is a member of the high school faculty of Crosby. Mr. Wilkinson has been pastor some months at Enterprise, a mission of the Liberty Baptist Church.

## BROTHERHOOD DEPARTMENT

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### MEN ON THE MARCH

The most encouraging sign in Christendom today is the evidence on every hand that men are on the march. Every major denomination in American today is trying to capture the benefits to be derived from this new interest on the part of our men.

Southern Baptists have about 2 million men members. Mississippi Baptists have at least 100,000 men. If we can ever get this host of men, a line 94½ miles long to march in step with Christ, the Christian world has yet many surprises in store.

This new interest on the part of our men is not hard to figure out. Since the early 1940's, men have been in the spot light. At one time we had over 11 million on the march in a war. Our survival depended on them. They saw the world and in seeing it, they saw it needs.

Our men are better informed now than of any other age. Modern means of communication make it possible for even those of limited educational advantage to know what is going on.

Our men on the march for Christ in this modern day are encountering many real obstacles, some of which almost are unsurmountable.

### CIVIC RESPONSIBILITIES MAKE A BID

Our churches have largely turned over all charities to civic organizations. Our best brains are being utilized in fostering these outside agencies. Men by the score are putting these obligations ahead of their church.

### THE SOCIAL LADDER CROSSES THE PATH

Men's spiritual lives are dying like flies in the social circles. Some men actually believe that they can't be a success in business unless they do as their neighbors do.

### FRATERNAL ORGANIZATIONS

Men by the score are being duped into thinking that since many of our fraternal organizations are founded upon Biblical teaching, that they can substitute this or that for the church. Christ didn't start any fraternal organization but He did start His church. Those of us who are members of fraternal organizations know that the oath we took did not pledge us to forsake our families and our church to be a good member. In fact we know that we owe first our allegiance to our God and our families and then to other things.

## 50, 40 & 25 Years Ago

BY REV. J. L. BOYD, SR.

### 50 YEARS AGO—

After long last the debt on the church building of the First Church, Jackson, has been paid in full during the pastorate of Rev. W. F. Yarbrough. The Home Mission and State Mission Boards, as well as a great many churches of the state had a part in the task. One room in the building was the "Mission Room" for Mississippi Baptists where Secretary A. V. Rowe had his headquarters.

### 40 YEARS AGO—

The Mississippi Baptist, organ of the General Association in East Mississippi, has been purchased by a group led by Rev. R. L. Breland, editor, and published at Newton. (Later Mr. R. L. Breland became the editor of the East Mississippi Column in the Baptist Record for many years before his death.)

### 25 YEARS AGO—

The Baptist Church at Moorhead recently held the last service in the old church house and moved into the new one. Rev. J. H. Hooks, pastor. The Senatobia church dedicated their new brick house of worship. Rev. A. T. Cinnamon of Kosciusko preached the sermon. He was pastor when the new house of worship was built. Rev. J. C. Wells, pastor at present.

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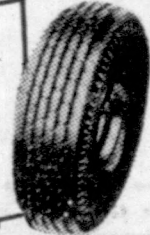
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### BAPTIST FAITH MONTH BOOKS

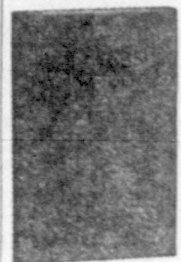
**"Living in the Faith,"** by Howard P. Colson. 130 pages. Broadman Press, 1954. Cloth 75c; paper 50c.

Dr. Howard Colson has given us a much needed book. He expresses the aim of the book in his introduction, saying that it "is intended to give the adult members of our Baptist churches a better grasp of the great doctrines of our faith, and to help them bring their daily lives more completely into accord with these significant truths." He sounds a vital note throughout: Christian doctrine is life-changing truth. He sets forth the intense relevance to life of the great truths of the Christian faith and urges that they be embodied in the everyday lives of Christians.

This wholesome emphasis is suggested in the very title of the book, *Living in the Faith*. The chapter headings indicate the biblical nature of the discussions: "A Life Worthy of God," "Made in the Image of God," "Looking Unto Jesus," "Saved by Grace," "Called to be Saints," "Members of His Body," "Led by the Spirit," "Awaiting Our Blessed Hope." Perhaps the strongest feature of the book is its solid scriptural foundation. The author, a thorough student of the Greek New Testament and a fine expository preacher, is a trustworthy Bible teacher. The result of his efforts is a handbook of Christian truth that will be helpful to a young and old alike.

The book is a clear doctrinal statement of our faith, fresh and interesting. The author wisely omits the use of long illustrations in a concise treatment of his

themes that is both sound and appealing. The reader will be surprised at how big a 139-page book can be!—Thomas E. McCullough.



**The Faith We Hold,** by Albert McClellan. 152 pages. Broadman Press, 1954. Cloth 75c; paper 50c.

The church editor of a New York paper visited churches of many faiths in his city. He found that most of the church members were weak in doctrine.

Can this complaint be made of the churches in the Southern Baptist Convention? It was because of this that this accusation is sometimes made that Baptist Faith Month, March, 1954, was born, with four new books on Baptist doctrine edited by the Training Union Department of the Sunday School Board, and published by Broadman Press.

This is the young people's book in the series. The author is director of publications for the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention. Dr. McClellan is young enough to have the pulse of the young people and experienced enough to write with authority in the field of doctrine.

This book is a dynamic exposition of the faith of the New Testament as it is held by Southern Baptists. It is not a stereotyped presentation. The brilliant author has infused with a complex subject his own rich personality. This gives life and action to the pages.

Chapter titles are:

- I. Foundation of Our Faith
- II. Center of Our Faith
- III. Spirit of Our Faith
- IV. Book of Our Faith
- V. The Church of Our Faith
- VI. Ordinances of Our Faith
- VII. Work of Our Faith
- VIII. Triumph of Our Faith

Young people who study this timely book will find themselves more deeply fortified in the faith. Inspiration for service will result when the book is properly taught.

It is hoped that every church in the Southern Baptist Convention will study these four new books some week this March.—C. Aubrey Hearn.

—BR—

Rev. J. A. McCain, Mississippi College student, has been called as pastor of the Everett Church, Simpson County.

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### Purser Hewitt Named Layman Of The Year

The Quiet Hour, a radio program by Dr. Charles Hamilton over WELO, Tupelo, since 1944, has given its Annual Honor Roll of the year for 1954, based on work of the previous year.

The Mississippi Layman of the Year was Purser Hewitt of Jackson.

National nominations included Adlai Stevenson as American of the Year, Estes Kefauver as South-

erner of the Year, John Mackay as Christian Leader of the year, Brooks Hays as Congressman of the Year and Paul Douglas, Hubert Humphrey, and Wayne Morse as Senator of the Year.

Mississippi nominations included the late Senator Mac Young of Aberdeen as Mississippian of the Year; Mississippi Editor of the Year, Harold Sanders of Aberdeen; Mississippi Minister of the Year, Murray Cox of Flora; Mississippi Legislator of the Year, George Owen of Pontotoc; Mississippi Col-

umnist of the Year Mrs. Willie Willis of Amory; Mississippi Congressman of the Year, T. G. Abernathy; Man of the year was Abe Paul Couturier of Lyons, France; Mississippi Negro of the Year, Milan Davis of Okolona.

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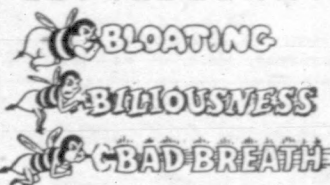
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## Baptist Focus Days Slated For Five Campuses In March

A series of five "Baptist Focus Days" is being planned for five state school campuses in March by BSU Director Roy Isbell, Mississippi State, and State Secretary Horner.

During the week of March 22-26, a team of five or six Baptist leaders will speak in noonday prayer meetings, have personal conferences with students, conduct seminars, bring evangelistic and missionary messages and lead in dormitory prayer meetings.

The team, thus far, is composed of Rev. Russell McIntire, Clinton; Bill Cody, Nashville; Mrs. Roland Leavell, New Orleans; Curtis Askew, New Orleans, a missionary to Japan, and State Secretary Horner.

Campuses to be visited are Mississippi Southern, Jones Junior College, Delta State, Ole Miss, and Mississippi State.

## Seminar At E. C. J. C. Convened Jan. 28-30

The annual Mississippi BSU Secretaries' (or Directors') Seminar convened at East Central Junior College, Decatur, January 28-30, with Miss Gladys Bryant, BSU Director for E.C.J.C., as the unusually gracious hostess and with Decatur pastor John W. Cook and Mrs. Cook and many others assisting.

The meeting opening Thursday with supper at the local church after which Miss Joan Stockstill, of Jones Jr., led in a very enjoyable fellowship period.

The Seminar program began Friday morning with a Devotional by Rev. Fred McCaulley of the Home Mission Board. Dr. H. Clayton Waddell led three very helpful conferences on "Counseling and Premarital Problems". Mr. Bill Cody spoke in chapel Friday morning, led a discussion on "Special Emphases" and participated in the discussions of the "Social Program," led by Miss Mary Lee Vines, BSU Director for New Orleans, and "Enlistment," led by Mr. Doyle Baird, BSU Director for N. Texas State College. Mrs. R. R. Darby, Perkinson Jr., and Mr. Harold Gully, Pearl River Jr., led devotionals. Mr. Charles Tolbert, Miss. College Student Sec'y, led in arranging the program.

## NOW BSU DIRECTOR

The large majority of the State BSU Secretaries, meeting in Nashville last December, voted in favor of changing from BSU or Student "Secretary" to BSU or Student "Director" as the title for local BSU workers.

## NOTICE TO PASTORS

Pastors are requested to get their desires for Youth-led Revival workers into the State BSU Office as soon as possible.

A California man has made a machine with 700 moving wheels, cogs, levers and such, which runs smoothly and accomplishes absolutely nothing. Don't laugh. He may be the foremost interpreter of our age.

OREN ARNOLD

## Munday Finishes Work At Miss. Southern

January concludes the tenure of B. S. U. work at Mississippi Southern College under the directorship of Riley Munday, B. S. U. Secretary. These years have been pleasant years with their pioneering problems and occasional differences of diplomacy, which is a part of a multi-church B.S.U. situation. Student executive councils and local pastors and educational directors have come and gone, but the church-centered program has remained; thanks to the kindly cooperation of the local churches and pastors to the local B.S.U. situation.

Too, it would be unfair in making a summary statement to fail to mention the wonderful spirit of brotherliness and helpfulness that our State B. S. U. Secretary, Charles Horner, has shown the local work. The sterling character of Charlie's Christian demeanor will set a pattern which I hope to use as a guide in a similar role in Arkansas. Tennyson said in the passing of Arthur, "The old order changeth, giving way to the new." Truly the lines are appropriate, for your B. S. U. Secretary at Southern has always been grateful to the local churches and the State Mission Board for providing nine years (altogether) in student ministry in Mississippi.

RILEY MUNDAY

## R. E. W. AT SOUTHERN

"Religious Discipline — Response and Restraint" was the theme of Religious Emphasis Week at Mississippi Southern January 24-28.

Mr. Robert S. Denny, Associate Southwide BSU Secretary, Nashville, Tenn., and Dr. W. C. Fields, Pastor of Yazoo City's First Baptist Church, were the Baptist members of the REW team. Mr. Riley Munday, as Christian Federation Counselor, led in plans for the week.

## Focus Week At M.C. Highlight Of Years

The Mississippi College Focus Week of 1954 with "Christ the Great Difference" as its theme has been held. The Week was one of the highlights of several years at M. C. Mr. Charles Tolbert, Student Secretary, and the student and faculty committees did a wonderful job of preparation and of implementation of the program and of arrangements. Included on the team were Bill Cody, Nashville; Joseph Bartlett, N. O. Seminary; Andy Blane, U. of Ky.; Mrs. J. O. Williams, Nashville; Dr. S. B. Platt, Columbus; Dr. Carl Giers, Chattanooga; Miss Estelle Slater, Nashville; Mr. Owen Cooper, Yazoo City; Dr. Vernon Musselman, U. of Ky.; and Mr. Pollard White, Hopkinsville, Ky.

Tuesday night of Kentucky's recent State Evangelistic Conference was designated as "Youth Night." Two students and the State BSU Choir participated in the program.

## Thought For The Month

There is only one formula for success and it is this: (Proverbs 3:5-6). "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."

RITA McDOWELL  
State BSU Devotional Chairman

## MISSION CONFERENCE IS SLATED

March 5 and 6 is the date of the annual Mission Conference at Southwestern Baptist Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex.

This conference is designed for college students interested in missions.

Students and student leaders interested in attending are urged to write John Petry, Box 6060, Seminary Hill Station, Ft. Worth 15, Texas, not later than Feb. 23.

Program personalities include Edna Frances Dawkins, Frank K. Means and Elmer S. West, of the Foreign Board; ten foreign missionaries; Dr. Cal Guy, of Southwestern Seminary; Dr. H. Guy Moore, Ft. Worth, and Dr. Courts Redford and two missionaries of the Home Mission Board.

Six Blue Mountain students joined the local church last month.

## MISS LEAVELL REPORTS OLE MISS ACTIVITIES

We are in the process of setting up a Brotherhood for Ole Miss Men. The Sunday School work, sponsored by Rufus Dalton, has been showing marked improvement in the interest in the Assembly programs. Our Freshman Council, which meets each Thursday night, has certainly caught the "BSU Spirit". They are taking over the responsibility for the visitation among all Freshmen for all phases of enlistment during February. This council is also planning and will direct the Welcome Party for Freshmen and Transfer students. They planned the Noon-day programs for the third week in January and used only Freshmen to participate in the programs. ... which by the way ... were excellent! An interesting thing has happened in the YWA. Our President, Mary Louise Bell, is graduating and leaving us immediately. The YWA nominating committee offered two names for vote and Patricia Ward, a Freshman of unusual ability and leadership, was chosen to be president for the rest of this school year.

MARIAN LEAVELL  
Ole Miss.

## CONDUCTING MISSION

Delta State's BSU is conducting a mission Sunday School and the Worship Service for a mission near Cleveland. Fifty-three of 228 Baptist students at Delta State belong to a local church.

## EVANGELISM, FIRST

Preoccupation with a multitude of important duties cannot sidetrack the zealous Christian, for he realizes that evangelism is the first and fundamental Christian responsibility.

THE INFORMER

## Fourteen Missionaries, \$2000 Is 1954 Student Mission Program

### Horton Writes About Student Night Program

Dear Charlie:

I just want to report to you about our "Student Night at Christmas" program which we had here at our church on the night of December 27. I feel that the night was a big success, for we have received many favorable comments telling of the inspiration received. Let me tell you about it. ... We had three attractive displays in the church lobbies of the Baptist Student Magazine. Student ushers were used and as the people entered they were given the special "Student Night" bulletin. As they entered the sanctuary they were greeted by the three huge links centered above the pulpit and carrying out the theme of B.S.U. On the table in front of the pulpit, we had a spotlight focused on large silver letters. ... B.S.U. Around them, we had holly and red berries, and together, I feel that it was an effective setting for the sixteen students used on the program. In addition to all of those on the regular program, Sue and I both told about what B.S.U. had meant and does mean to each of us. Believe me, those folks attending the service got a service packed with B.S.U. enthusiasm. The youth choir of the church also brought an anthem in keeping with the theme by singing, "Arise, O Youth of God". After the service, we showed the film, THAT THEY MAY HEAR, which has a setting on a college campus and carries a definite message for B.S.U. and missions.

Students used on the program were from the following campuses: MSCW, Mississippi State, Ole Miss, Mississippi College, Millsaps, Holmes, Hinds, Florida State, St. Dominics School of Nursing, and Southwestern Louisiana. The church sends the STUDENT to all of our college crew, and in addition, I try to keep in touch with them by letters, bulletins, etc. — FRANK HORTON, First Church, Canton.

## Convention To Meet At First, Hattiesburg

"Toward Twentieth Century Discipleship" is the theme for the State BSU Convention, October 29-31, 1954, at the First Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, with Mississippi Southern as the host college. A committee composed of BSU Director Harold Gully, of Pearl River Jr., James Rogers, Delta State; B. J. Runnels, MSCW, and Betty Jo Flowers, Woman's College, is working up the program with State Secretary Horner.

## CLARKE'S OFFICERS LISTED

William E. Melvin is the new BSU proxy for Clarke College. Other officers are Joe Pericola, Edna Ann Stubblefield, Peggy Peeler, Sarah Warren, Mary Ruth Mangum, Charlie Long, Carol Godfrey, Sarah Wilson, W. E. Derrick, Harrel Sinclair, Bettye Deaton, Aaron Lewis, Ira Griffin, James Waters.

The 22 BSU's of the State, together with interested friends, have recently set a goal of 14 Student Summer Missionaries and at least \$2,000 for their expenses as the 1954 Student Summer Missions program for Mississippi.

One student is to be selected for work in Jamaica, three for western United States, and ten for work in Mississippi, primarily among the negroes. Vacation Bible School experience is desired for the applicants.

BSU leaders are urged to make arrangements for their SSM offering soon.

## Retreat For Officers To Meet April 23-25

James Breland, BSU Director for Delta State, is the Chairman of the Program Committee for the annual State Retreat for BSU Officers April 23-25, 1954. The place of meeting is not yet decided.

Others on the committee are Bobby Hall, Miss. State, and Bradley Pope, Mississippi College.

"May God Depend on You?" will be both the theme and the hymn for the Retreat.

Further information regarding the Retreat will be given soon.

## HOME MISSIONS WEEK MARCH 1-5

The Annie Armstrong Week of Prayer for Home Missions comes Mar. 1-5. We of the BSU are heartily in support of this annual emphasis. Our prayer is that all of us Miss. Baptists will respond to the appeals made, not merely with tears but with sacrificial giving and living.

## MANY DEDICATIONS MADE

Mrs. George Nichols, BSU Director for Co-Lin Jr., reports that 16 students dedicated their lives to full-time religious work and 245 to the Christian way of life during the recent Religious Emphasis Week on the campus.

## WANTS SEC'Y FOR JACKSON

Dr. Chester Swor writes a much-appreciated letter of a wish which he has "cherished often" for a City-Wide B. S. U. Secretary for Jackson. We are continuing to pray for one and are doing all we know to do to get one on the field. Pray for the pastors and churches of Jackson and for us in this matter.

## MISS. STATE STUDENT SAVED

One student was converted, four joined the Starkville Church from Miss. State last month. There are 109 new Baptist students this semester. Lenno Powell and Eddie Frethie, of Miss. College recently presented programs on missions to the Sunday School and Training Union and \$45.83 was collected for Student Summer Missions.

Four East Miss. Jr. students have volunteered for Bible School work, two for organizing dormitory prayer meetings, according to Scooba pastor T. R. Coulter, Jr.





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## MISS. COLLEGE FACULTY AND STUDENTS LEAD STUDY COURSES AT VICKSBURG, FIRST

Several students and faculty members of the Mississippi College helped the First Baptist Church of Vicksburg in a Training Union Study Course last week.

Dr. Norman O'Neal, Professor of Religious Education, taught the BAPTIST A D U L T UNION MANUAL each night.

Mr. Charles Tolbert, B. S. U. Student Secretary, enlisted students to teach several courses. Willard Whoberry taught the Junior leaders, Lenno Powell taught young people, Miss Mary Hicks taught Juniors and Miss Susan Jackson taught Intermediates. All are students at the college.

Ellis Bryan, Director of Christian Education of the Vicksburg church, reports that the church leaders were highly pleased with the excellent service given by these students.

J. M. Lanmon, professor of adolescent psychology, at the school talked to the Intermediate workers one night on understanding the characteristics of that age group. C. W. Scott, Director of Guidance and professor of Education, talked to the Intermediate workers one night on helping the boys and girls find answers to their questions and personal problems. The Intermediate workers and parents found these two special sessions especially helpful.

Dr. John G. McCall is pastor of this church.

—BR—

## CHANGES AMONG THE CHURCHES.

BY REV. LEON V. YOUNG

Called and Accepted:

Earl Hanson, Pilot Knob, Summerfield, Missouri.

Alford A. Thornton, Calvary, Jefferson City, Mo., from Pilot Knob, Summerfield, Mo.

E. A. Forderhane, First, Clinton, Mo., from First, DeSoto, Mo. James W. Cox, Central, Johnson City, Tenn., from Memorial, Frankfort, Ky.

Albert S. Hale, Memorial, Pulaski, Va., from High Point, N. C. Joseph N. Causey, Southside, South Norfolk, Va., from Southern Seminary.

L. R. Stagg, First, DeQuincy, La., from First, Houma, La.

Jerry M. Green, South, Winfield, La., from Union Hill, near Montgomery, La.

Lloyd Brown, First, Calhoun, La., from Oak Grove, La.

Frank Mobley, Renwick Mission, Monroe, La., from Louisiana College.

Claude F. Rutherford, New Hope, Ala., from First, Doxick, Ala.

L. W. Stamps, Moody, St. Clair Association, Alabama, from New Hope, Ala.

E. E. Brown, Lakewood, Birmingham, Ala., from Thomas-town, Ga.

B. H. Eustis, First, Sallisaw, Oklahoma, from First, Siloam Springs, Ark.

Vernon M. Bellue, Calvary, Batesville, Ark.

C. R. Trammell, First, McRae, Ark., from First, Steel Bridge, Ark.

Fulton B. Bryan, First, Blounts-



MRS. GLENN VARNER

## JOINS CALHOUN CITY CHURCH STAFF

Mrs. Glenn Varner of Mounds, Illinois, recently was added to the staff of First Church, Calhoun City as Church and Finance Secretary.

Mrs. Varner is a talented musician. The daughter of Deacon and an active member of First Church of Mounds for eleven years and is a volunteer for Christian Service. Mr. Varner is serving in the U.S. Air Force and is located in France. They plan to continue their education after his tour of duty.

Rev. Clarence Cutrell is the Calhoun City pastor.

town, Ga., from Tingal, Ga.

George M. Mimms, First, Orange Park, Fla.

Richard C. Johnson, First, Black-shear, Ga., from First, New Providence, Ga.

Robert F. Polk, First, Robstown, Texas, from First, Hawkins, Texas.

Harold E. Lindsay, First, Waco, Texas, from First, Shawnee, Okla.

C. K. Rand, Conrad Memorial, High Point, N. C., from Home Mission Bard.

G. Carlton Cox, Blowing Rock, N. C., from Merrimac Ave., Asheville, N. C.

Ray Meyers, Walnut Hill, Har-riman, Tenn., from Madison Ave., Maryville, Tenn.

Paul Strickland, South Hill, Va., from Chaplain, Mo. Baptist Hospital.

Russell W. Wallace, Seattle, Washington, from First, Harris-burg, Ill.

James Dillard, Jr., First Blay-ton Ga., from First, Coluit, Ga.

W. A. Brooks, Cenral, Crockett, Texas from Second, Victoria, Tex.

P. A. Powell, Friendship, Abe-line, Tex. from First, Goodnight

## Quarles Speaker At Okla. Meet

Dr. Chester L. Quarles, Missis-sippi Baptist Executive-Secretary, has returned from Shawnee, Okla-homa, where he was on the pro-gram of the first Christian Educa-tion Convention ever held in the Southern Baptist Convention.

Held on Oklahoma Baptist Uni-versity Campus, Feb. 12 plans were made for Oklahoma's part in the forthcoming observance of convention-wide Christian Educa-tion Week April 4-11.

Dr. Quarles was on program in part because of the leadership of Mississippi Baptists in pioneering in Christian Education Week the past three years.

Others on program included Dr. J. W. Storer, Tulsa, Okla.; Dr. R. Orrin Cornett, Nashville; and Sena-tor Robert S. Kerr of Oklahoma.

## Woman's College Employs Education Consultants

By Dr. G. E. ROUSE

The Mississippi Woman's College trustees have just employed the se-vices of The Associated Consul-tants In Education to study and recommend the overall expansion program required as the college goes to a coeducational status. The Associated Consultants In Educa-tion is directed by Dr. H. M. Ivy, of Meridian, who is president of the Board of Trustees of Higher Institutions of Mississippi. He has associated with him Dr. Doak S. Campbell, President of Florida State University, Tallahassee, Flor-ida, Joseph E. Gibson, Director of Pre-Admissions of Tulane Uni-versity, and A. C. Flora, South Carolina retired Superintendent of Schools, Columbia, South Carolina.

The trustees are giving diligent thought to the development of an academic program adjusted to the needs of the people of Mississippi and in particular the Mississippi Baptist denomination. Woman's College, as a liberal arts college, has always special-ized in quality scholarship and her graduates have been widely receiv-ed because of thorough scholarship and sound Christian character. Woman's College also is an approved teacher-training college, and her graduates have gone out to serve the public schools not only of Mis-sissippi but of the nation. Her graduates have gone to leading uni-versities of America for post-grad-uate work. Since going coed it is necessary to study thoroughly the service opportunities of the total area of Mississippi, as well as the South, and develop a curriculum

## Three Generations To Carry On \$2,000 Initial Gift



Shown above is the presentation of a \$2,000 check from Mr. W. B. Thompson of Itta Bena to Dr. Harry Lee Spencer, the Execu-tive Secretary of Mississippi Baptist Foundation. The gift was made to the Foundation for investment of which the earnings will be used by the Foreign Mission Board for Foreign Missions. Mr. Thompson plans to add to this fund and with the expectation of his son, Dr. W. L. Thompson and grandson, W. L. Thompson, Jr., of carrying on in the years to come.

Shown in the picture from left to right, Dr. Harry Lee Spencer, W. B. Thompson Dr. W. L. Thompson, W. L. Thompson, Jr., and Rev. W. Otis Seale. Rev. W. Otis Seale is the Itta Bena pastor.

## CALENDAR OF PRAYER

February 22 — State Planning Meeting for Associational Music Directors and Missionaries; Miss Sammie Campbell, Baptist Build-ing.

February 23—Rev. Earl Brooks; Lamar Associational Chairman of Evangelism; H. L. Lackey, Cal-houn Associational Brotherhood President.

February 24 — Mr. Hollis B. Todd, Mississippi College faculty; Mrs. J. P. Love, Holmes Associational W.M.U. Superintendent.

February 25 — Allison Bell, Trustee Blue Mountain College; G. L. My-rick, Attala Associational Train-ing Union Director.

February 26 — Miss Nelda Trigg, Baptist Building; Rev. R. L. Page, Aicern Associational Sunday School Superintendent.

February 27 — Jewel Hannah, Stu-dent Secretary, Woman's College; Rev. Artis Brewer, Jasper Asso-ciational Organizer of Evange-lism.

February 28 — Carey Sansing, Re-presentative, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Clay Associa-tion Board, Clay Association; Max Dorr, Clarke, State BSU Council.

of course offerings to meet student demands in the light of service and professional opportunities.

## Purvis Bldg. Fund Day Exceeds \$1,000 Goal

First Church, Purvis, observed a special Building Fund Day on January 31. A goal of \$1,000 was made and also a goal of 200 peo-ple contributing.

Special prayer services were held with people on their knees praying for victory.

Final tabulations showed an of-fering of \$1136, making a total of \$1776 during January. In the last year, the church has raised \$12,000 for the purpose of building an educational building. The chair-man of the finance committee voiced a prayer thanking God for the victory. Rev. Paul H. Leber is the pastor.

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## New Stewardship Posters Available

Would you like to have one or two of the beautiful large posters, "Give An Account of Thy Steward-ship" for your church?

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| Sardis (Copiah) .....                         | 88   | 61  |
| Springfield (Scott) .....                     | 125  | 70  |
| Richland (Rankin) .....                       | 129  | 51  |
| Jackson—                                      |      |     |
| Ridgecrest .....                              | 218  | 93  |
| West Jackson .....                            | 289  | 117 |
| Daniel Memorial .....                         | 635  | 291 |
| Crestwood .....                               | 659  | 437 |
| Southside .....                               | 372  | 157 |
| Van Winkle .....                              | 487  | 269 |
| Broadmoor .....                               | 415  | 175 |
| Robinson St. ....                             | 170  |     |
| First .....                                   | 1413 | 543 |
| North Side .....                              | 485  | 117 |
| Paul Truitt Memorial<br>(Rankin County) ..... | 161  | 119 |
| Byram (Hinds) .....                           | 195  | 150 |
| Jackson, Calvary .....                        | 1403 | 392 |
| Mission .....                                 | 93   | 48  |
| Jackson, Parkway .....                        | 1122 | 493 |
| Pearl (Rankin) .....                          | 152  | 99  |
| Kosciusko, First .....                        | 810  | 325 |
| Meridian, 41st Ave. ....                      | 371  | 105 |
| Petal, First .....                            | 132  | 76  |
| Laurel, Second Ave. ....                      | 459  | 117 |
| Hattiesburg, Main St. ....                    | 1009 | 365 |
| Laurel, West .....                            | 439  | 147 |
| Laurel, First .....                           | 621  | 154 |
| Laurel, Wildwood .....                        | 184  | 74  |
| Nola (Lawrence) .....                         | 67   | 62  |
| Pascagoula, First .....                       | 880  | 338 |
| Main Church .....                             | 703  | 256 |
| Jackson Ave. Chapel .....                     | 78   | 32  |
| McArthur Chapel .....                         | 73   | 31  |
| Orange Grove Chapel .....                     | 26   | 19  |
| Stonewall .....                               | 166  | 99  |
| Yazoo City, First .....                       | 486  | 182 |
| Fair River (Lincoln) .....                    | 114  | 63  |
| Purvis, First .....                           | 252  | 63  |
| Harmony (Tippah) .....                        | 100  | 70  |
| Holly Bluff .....                             | 118  | 80  |
| Hardy (Grenada) .....                         | 99   | 86  |
| Greenwood, Calvary .....                      | 439  | 184 |
| Darling .....                                 | 77   | 45  |
| Biloxi, Trinity .....                         | 191  | 62  |
| Brockhaven, Hamilton St. ....                 | 111  | 89  |
| Siloam (Simpson) .....                        | 82   | 38  |
| Laurel, Harmony .....                         | 134  | 66  |
| Bethlehem (Jones) .....                       | 196  | 119 |
| Clarksdale, Oakhurst .....                    | 438  | 108 |
| Clarksdale .....                              | 359  | 68  |
| Raymond .....                                 | 203  | 80  |
| Taylorville .....                             | 158  | 93  |
| New Prospect (Lincoln) .....                  | 158  | 102 |
| Long Beach .....                              | 272  | 108 |
| Main Church .....                             | 234  |     |
| 29th St. Mission .....                        | 38   |     |
| Crowder .....                                 | 171  | 98  |
| Calhoun City, First .....                     | 378  | 162 |
| West Point, Calvary .....                     | 234  | 135 |
| West Point, West End .....                    | 120  | 74  |
| New Albany .....                              | 639  | 156 |
| Oxford, North .....                           | 174  | 105 |
| Concord (Choctaw) .....                       | 113  | 80  |
| Chester (Choctaw) .....                       | 85   | 40  |
| Grenada, Emmanuel .....                       | 292  | 116 |
| Main Church .....                             | 269  | 103 |
| Futheyville Chapel .....                      | 23   | 13  |
| Grenada, First .....                          | 607  | 157 |
| Hebron (Grenada) .....                        | 104  | 79  |
| Columbus, East End .....                      | 234  | 92  |
| Vicksburg, First .....                        | 617  | 205 |

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| Hattiesburg, Temple .....      | 589  | 201 |
| Cleveland, First .....         | 558  | 178 |
| Shady Oak .....                | 8    |     |
| Chinese Mission .....          | 39   |     |
| Lumberton .....                | 233  | 101 |
| Corinth, Tate St. ....         | 319  | 108 |
| Flowood .....                  | 135  | 140 |
| Bethel (Pearl River) .....     | 158  | 75  |
| McComb, Friendship .....       | 192  | 96  |
| Longview (Oktibbeha) .....     | 82   | 59  |
| Crystal Springs, First .....   | 705  | 145 |
| Biloxi, First .....            | 650  | 184 |
| Tupelo, Harrisburg .....       | 590  | 234 |
| Ellison Ridge .....            | 80   | 50  |
| Meridian, Highland .....       | 501  | 140 |
| Lucedale .....                 | 366  | 169 |
| Clinton .....                  | 577  | 317 |
| Pelahatchie .....              | 194  | 81  |
| Main Church .....              | 171  |     |
| Mission .....                  | 23   |     |
| Greenville, Second .....       | 543  | 208 |
| Spanish Fort .....             | 71   | 48  |
| Springfield (Adams) .....      | 81   | 40  |
| Zion (Pontotoc) .....          | 150  | 87  |
| Brookhaven, First .....        | 817  | 331 |
| Main Church .....              | 676  | 265 |
| Southway Chapel .....          | 89   | 36  |
| Halbert Heights Chapel .....   | 52   | 30  |
| Moorhead .....                 | 237  | 122 |
| Petal-Harvey .....             | 353  | 150 |
| McComb, Locust St. ....        | 88   | 48  |
| Friendship No. 2 .....         |      |     |
| (Tallahatchie) .....           | 100  | 47  |
| Yazoo City, Calvary .....      | 228  | 171 |
| New Hope (Sunflower) .....     | 60   | 43  |
| Ruleville .....                | 226  | 86  |
| Mission .....                  | 47   | 49  |
| Skene .....                    | 142  | 67  |
| West Point, First .....        | 646  | 186 |
| Hickory Flat .....             | 173  | 94  |
| Union Chapel (Chickasaw) ..... | 86   | 90  |
| New Hope (Marion) .....        | 206  | 168 |
| Brownsville, Beulah .....      | 74   | 73  |
| Wayside (Yalobusha) .....      | 46   |     |
| Gulfport, First .....          | 1115 | 349 |
| Gulfport, Calvary .....        | 71   | 41  |
| Bay St. Louis, First .....     | 139  | 70  |
| Newton, First .....            | 484  | 250 |
| Aberdeen, First .....          | 377  | 114 |
| Philadelphia, First .....      | 390  | 132 |
| Shiloh (Marion) .....          | 85   | 91  |
| Laurel, Highland .....         | 199  | 97  |
| Picayune, First .....          | 580  | 190 |
| Bellefontaine (Jackson) .....  | 60   | 54  |
| Friendship (Jackson) .....     | 78   | 88  |
| Wheeler Grove (Alcorn) .....   | 111  | 125 |
| Canton, Center Terrace .....   | 301  | 141 |
| Yellow Leaf (Lafayette) .....  | 114  | 117 |
| Olive Branch .....             | 134  | 79  |
| Marks, First .....             | 214  | 72  |
| Amity (Chickasaw) .....        | 53   | 41  |
| Columbus, First .....          | 940  | 313 |
| Charleston, First .....        | 396  | 144 |
| Hernando .....                 | 202  | 89  |
| Sand Hill (Jones) .....        | 61   | 42  |
| Picayune, Roseland Park .....  | 164  | 71  |
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| West Point, First .....        | 610  | 189 |
| Wayside (Yalobusha) .....      | 49   |     |
| Hickory Flat .....             | 178  | 85  |
| Petal-Harvey .....             | 389  | 175 |
| Main Church .....              | 370  |     |
| Harvey .....                   | 19   |     |
| Greenwood, Calvary .....       | 454  | 183 |
| Skene .....                    | 119  | 54  |
| Olive Branch .....             | 136  | 75  |
| Corinth, Tate Street .....     | 326  | 115 |
| Picayune, Roseland Park .....  | 150  | 67  |
| Zion (Pontotoc) .....          | 122  | 65  |
| Pleasant Ridge .....           |      |     |
| (Chickasaw) .....              | 83   | 59  |
| Lellow Leaf (Lafayette) .....  | 79   | 69  |
| Tupelo, Harrisburg .....       | 551  | 232 |
| Kosciusko, First .....         | 924  | 322 |
| West Point, Calvary .....      | 246  | 125 |
| New Albany .....               | 527  | 165 |
| Long Beach, First .....        | 271  | 115 |
| Main Church .....              | 230  |     |
| 29th St. Mission .....         | 41   |     |
| Meridian, South Side .....     | 407  | 157 |
| Charleston .....               | 395  | 125 |

Rev. T. E. Fant Impressively  
Presents 'Know Your Denomination'

One of the most impressive presentations of "Know Your Denomination" day was that made by Pastor T. E. Fant and Harmony Church, Laurel.

Realizing the need of his church being well informed, there was a display unveiled so the church could get a vivid picture of the work "To the uttermost parts of the earth." It showed Christ as head of the church. Then the open Bible in front as the message to the church. Growing out of the church was the various phases of the work, also a globe of the world to demonstrate that "The eyes of the world are upon you."

All of the display, the well lighted portrait of Christ, the large open Bible, the miniature church, the World Atlas, and all the different literature was used to illustrate his sermon.

An object lesson was used showing the Cooperative dollar and its division. This was impressively illustrated by the Young People's Class of the Sunday School.

These two messages were so enlightening that the news spread and Missionaries and church people from near and far called to see the display and study it and some have asked permission to use it.

First Church, Quitman  
Celebrates Pastor's  
Twentieth Anniversary

REV. W. L. MEADOWS

Rev. W. L. Meadows began his twenty-first year as pastor of the First Church, QQuQuitman, on Feb. 7.

In appreciation for 20 years of faithful service, as pastor of First Church, Quitman, a recognition service was held at the morning service on February 7, with W. Z. Huggins presiding.

Mr. Huggins spoke of the invaluable services rendered by Pastor Meadows to the First Church and to the people of Quitman and Clarke county.

During the years 1934 - 54, 980 members have been received into the church by baptism and church letter; the church budget has grown from \$6,342 to \$31,418; gifts to missions from \$852 to \$9,584 per year.

An Admiral Console model television set was presented to the pastor and his family.

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| Philadelphia, First .....  | 396 | 116 |
| Amity (Chickasaw) .....    | 63  | 49  |
| Ellison Ridge .....        | 84  | 42  |
| Harmony (Tippah) .....     | 108 | 67  |
| West Point, West End ..... | 110 | 58  |
| Petal, First .....         | 106 | 66  |
| Lumberton .....            | 200 | 112 |

## Some Results Of Repeal

PROHIBITION AND BEVERAGE  
ALCOHOL COMPARED

By REV. N. R. STONE

Prohibition was adopted 1918. Brewery, distilleries, and wineries closed. 177,790 saloons closed. The shipment and advertisement of liquor stopped. The booze business was classed an outlaw, as kidnapping, murder, rape and theft. Homes for drunks were closed or turned into schools. Some jails closed. Highway accidents, crime and disease, caused by drinking were reduced. It brought comfort to thousands of homes cursed by booze. It greatly reduced drunkenness. Banks, schools and churches increased.

BEVERAGE ALCOHOL AND  
GAMBLING

The 18th amendment was "raped and slaughtered" in 1933. In these 20 years, whiskey has produced, states Dr. E. M. Jellinek, Director of Yale University School of Alcohol, 3,800,000 alcoholics in the United States and 3,000,000 are problem cases. Whiskey is an outlaw, it has "drained more blood, armed more villains, slain more children, snapped more wedding rings, defiled more innocent, blinded more eyes, twisted more limbs, dethroned more reason, wrecked more manhood, dishonored more womanhood, broke more hearts, blasted more lives, driven more to suicide and dug more graves than any other poisonous scourge that every swept a death dealing wave across the human breast."

## RESULTS

"Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink and maketh him drunk." The repeal of the 18th Amendment in 1933 has done more to debauch and corrupt America than any act of the people since the Mayflower landed. Is. 5:11-14. "Woe unto them that follow strong drink, until wine inflame them."

—BR—

Rev. Herman P. Hayes writes that he has resigned the pastorate of Locust Street Church, McComb, to accept the pastorate of the First Church, Norco, Louisiana.

Dr. W. R. Cooper To Be  
Honored On 80th Birthday

Dr. W. R. Cooper, retired pastor of Jackson, will be eighty years old Sunday, February 21. In observance of this special birthday his daughters are honoring him with a reception from three to five o'clock in the afternoon at Parkway Church, where he is a member.

All friends of his are invited to attend, especially those from churches where he has been pastor; persons who were brought to Christ through his ministry, and couples for whom he performed the wedding ceremony.

When he retired six years ago Dr. Cooper had been in the pastorate for fifty years. Mississippi pastorates include Tylertown, Drew, Blue Mountain, Columbia, Sumner, Mtta Bena, Grenada and Belzoni.

—BR—

MT. MANNA CHURCH  
HAS NEW BUILDING

The Mt. Manna Church in Tate Association has completed its new building and dedicated it.

It has four educational rooms. There is about 500 indebtedness at present.

The church has ordained Paul H. Godsey into the full Gospel Ministry. N. A. Thompson, of Memphis, Edward R. Black of Forrest City, Arkansas, Rev. John B. Adair, pastor, with the deacons of Mt. Manna and Hickory Grove Church made up the Presbytery.

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Although only one person in two hundred is a Christian in Japan, the Lower House of the Diet now contains thirteen Christians out of a total membership of 466. — International Review of Missions.

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## GOING PLACES

By A. L. GOODRICH

### East Philadelphia Is No. 1084

For a few weeks the Baptist Record has been going to the East Philadelphia Church on trial. The church has now adopted the EVERY FAMILY Plan, but in notifying the Mailing Department. Pastor Stanley B. Barnett sent several new names to be added. His explanation was "for fear we might leave some out."

Record readers in Neshoba County are now listed as follows: ANTIOCH, 36; Bond, 11; COLD-WATER, 59; Deemer, 17; DIXON, 24; Emmanuel, 18; HIGH HILL, 43; Hope, 3; LAUREL HILL, 20; LINWOOD, 47; McDonald, 1; NESHOBIA, 34; NEW BLACK JACK, 23; NEW HARMONY, 24; PHILADELPHIA, FIRST, 321; PHILADELPHIA, BEACON STREET, 76; PHILADELPHIA, EAST, 60; SARDIS, 27; SPRING'S CREEK, 76; New Bethel, 19.

### Trial Plan Works And How!!!

Evidently the Trial Plan worked at Gaston Church in Pentiss county, and then some. After having the Baptist Record on trial a few weeks, the pastor, Rev. Hayward Moore, wrote asking that the church be added to the EVERY FAMILY List.

A few days later another letter came adding nine more names to the list. This should be a good hint to some church.

Record readers in Prentiss county are now listed as follows: BALDWIN, 68; BOONEVILLE, 246; CANDLER'S CHAPEL, 25; East Prentiss, 1; GASTON, 32; MT. OLIVE, 69; OSBURN CREEK, 34; THRASHER, 20; WHEELER, 19; Pleasant Edge, 17; SRHILLOH, 27.

### Ridgeland Is No. 1085

A recent addition to the growing list of churches that have adopted the popular and progressive EVERY FAMILY Plan of the Baptist Record is Ridgeland Church, located between Jackson and Madison. The pastor is Rev. L. B. Cooper.

They had the Baptist Record for a few weeks on trial and the usual thing resulted—they adopted the EVERY FAMILY Plan.

Record readers in Madison county are now listed as follows:

CAMDEN, 22; CANTON, FIRST, 320; CANTON, CENTER TERRACE, 195; FARMHAVEN, 46; FLORA, 81; Franklin, 2; Good Hope, 13; LULA, 23; MADISON, 62; LONE PINE, 28; RIDGELAND, 25; Damascus, 18.

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### Chicora Pastor Testifies

One of the latest churches to join the growing list of churches having the EVERY FAMILY Plan of the Baptist Record is the First Church of Chicora. Rev. James P. Gilbert is the pastor. In notifying the Baptist Record that the church had adopted the EVERY FAMILY Plan, Pastor Gilbert writes:

"The First Baptist Church, Chicora, wants the Baptist Record on the EVERY FAMILY Plan. They appreciate observing what other churches are doing and they find ideas that help them in their own church. It helps to keep our eyes lifted above our own local church. And remember that the 'field is the world.'"

"This new church still meets in a tent, but has poured the foundation for a building; the roof shouldn't be too far off. Our people are satisfied that The Baptist Record is an essential for every Baptist Church."

Record readers in Wayne county are now listed as follows: CALVARY, 86; BIG CREEK, 43; BUCATUNNA, 38; CLARA, 48; CLEAR CREEK, 25; Coyt, 6; EVERGREEN, 45; MT. ZION, 55; Pleasant Grove, 4; STATE LINE, 44; Waynesboro, First, 4; ZION REST, 20; Yellow Creek, 4.

### Another Seminary Student Comes Through

It is our experience that most of the student pastors of our seminaries are quite progressive. One evidence of this is that most of them, sooner or later, lead their churches to adopt the EVERY FAMILY PLAN of the Baptist Record.

One of the latest to do this is Rev. W. S. Garmon, pastor of the Ford's Creek Church in Pearl River county.

A few weeks ago he asked that the Record be sent on trial so that his people might become acquainted with the Baptist Record. The result was the usual one. The church voted to make the Baptist Record a part of its program.

Record readers in Pearl River County are now listed as follows: BETHEL, 78; CARRIERE, 37; CORINTH, 63; Gainville, 1; GOODYEAR, 66; Harmony, 11; JUNIPER GROVE, 6; NAPOLEON, 25; NEW HENLEYFIELD, 35; OAK HILL, 41; PICAYUNE, FIRST, 327; PINE GROVE, 77; POPLARVILLE, FIRST, 130; ROSELAND PARK, 46; SANTA ROSA, 40; STEEP HOLLOW, 48; UNION, 29; WHITE SAND, 28; West Poplarville, 15; ZION HILL, 26; Crane Creek, 3; FORD'S CREEK, 27; NEW PALESTINE, 80; OLIVE, 35.

### Damascus Is In

After trying the Baptist Record for a few weeks, Damascus Church in Madison County did what most others do. They adopted the EVERY FAMILY Plan.

Rev. Norman Deaton is the pastor.

Record readers in Madison County are now listed as follows: CAMDEN, 22; CANTON, FIRST, 320; CANTON, CENTER TERRACE, 195; FARMHAVEN, 46; FLORA, 81; Franklin, 2; Good Hope, 13; LULA, 23; MADISON, 62; LONE PINE, 28; Ridgeland, 25; Damascus, 18.

### 306 Converts Reported

(Continued From Page One)

stalk walls and thatched roofs, were behind the street walls. The people are friendly but dress and live much as they did centuries ago. The Baptist pastor there, a native but well trained, is the chief man of the city, according to Brother Webb, and is the only man with any knowledge of medicine. He has a well organized church and two boys from his church won 1st and 2nd prizes in the National Bible Sword Drill.

Back in Guatemala City we attended prayer services in one of the churches the Lottie Moon Christmas offerings helped to build. On the walls of the church were Standard Sunday School and Standard W. M. U. charts, both partly filled out. In Guatemala we

have 17 churches and 116 preaching stations or missions. The workers are in need of four more bicycles, \$70 each, and two motorcycles, \$450 each. These, according to Bro. Webb, would make possible the workers there doing twice the work they are now doing.

Bro. Webb directs our work in Honduras. In this nation there are only two roads, he said. He and others have to ride mule back to their appointments. There are 31 churches and missions. They need four more mules for the workers there.

### Panama

We stopped for awhile in San Salvador and Managua and reached Panama City Jan. 28. Dr. R. G. Van Royan, our missionary there had, after much prayer assigned us to the churches where we were to work, preaching and teaching organization work. Eight were assigned to work in the very large area of Bocos Del Toro, just south of Costa Rica, and eight were assigned to the Canal Zone and to the Republic of Panama. The revival services began on January 31 and continued through Feb. 7.

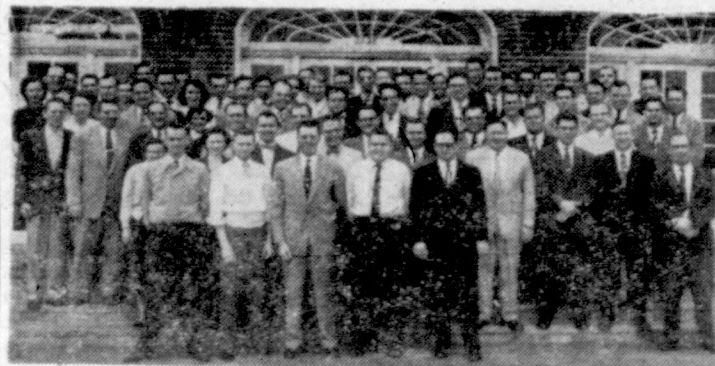
On Monday, Feb. 8, all the workers, including local pastors, met for a dinner meeting in First Church of Balboa, and for reports. There were 98 professions of faith in the First Baptist Church of Cristobal where the writer preached.

Every preacher reported a wonderful response and most interesting experiences. Those working in the Bocos Del Toro churches had to ride to some of their appointments on the train furnished them by the United Fruit Company. Mr. Estes won the engineer to Christ and before leaving for home gave the engineer his \$22 Bible, praying that many will thru the years become Christians thru the reading of it.

The total report revealed 401 professions of faith, 306 for baptism, 1 by letter, 464 rededications. Some churches reported 100 per cent tithers. Two more have enrolled in Sunday school than church membership.

### Baptists Established

The Panama government has recognized Baptists and has recently give them the same protection, security and right to hold property free of taxation that oth-



Shown above are a part of the Mississippians at New Orleans Theological Seminary for the current session. This Mississippi Club picture was taken during recent Missionary Day activities on the campus.

### Conference Speaker

Rev. W. R. Grigg, secretary of Negro Work, Louisiana Baptist Convention, will be one of the featured speakers on the program of the series of Inter-Racial Conferences to be held next week, Feb. 22-26, it has been announced by Dr. W. A. Keel, of Jackson, secretary of Negro Work, who will direct the meetings.

The conferences will be held in six centers of the Mississippi Baptist Seminary and will feature stewardship and expansion with a view to a better working relation-

ers have had thru the years.

On Tuesday before returning home some of us went with Dr. Van Royan to see the governor of the Canal Zone. When he learned of our plans to enlarge our work, to begin two kindergartens and to open a school to train workers and to have all the classes in Spanish, he was delighted. He gave Dr. Van Royan the assurance of all the land needed in the zone for churches, schools and pastor's homes.

### San Blas Indians

Several of us, with Dr. Van Royan, flew over the Continental Divide to visit the San Blas Islands, about 125 miles south of the Canal Zone on the Atlantic side. There are more than two hundred of these islands, many of which are inhabited by Indians. They live, we were told, very much like they did before Columbus discovered America. We visited one of the very small islands on which live 1500 Indians. All the women wear rings in their noses. Some of them have sewing machines operated by hand. One turns the crank while another guides the home spun cloth. The women make their wrap-arounds. The men make their own clothes, such as they are. There are 28,000 Indians on these islands.

About twenty years ago a native, after being educated in this country, returned to his people with his American wife. He has all these years been operating an independent Mission. He has reached only five of the islands because of inadequate transportation. He is anxious for Southern Baptists to take over his work and the opportunity of giving the Gospel to all his people. We returned to our work praying that Southern Baptists will answer their call.

There were 306 for baptism with 400 other professions and 484 dedications.

ship between the two races.

The conferences will be sponsored by the State Convention Board and the Mississippi Semi-



REV. W. R. GRIGG

nary of which Dr. Herbert L. Lang is president.

The week's schedule will include Monday, Central Center, Jackson; Tuesday, southeast center, Hattiesburg; Wednesday, northwest center, Mound Bayou; Thursday, Waynesboro Center; and Friday, Meridian and Tupelo Centers.

In addition several Negro colleges will be visited by the traveling group.

—BR—

The Baptist Record appreciates a copy of the minutes of the sixth annual session of the Hinds County Association. It was held with the Clinton Church on October 23, 1953. The next session will be held at Byram Church on October 22, 1954. The minutes are attractively prepared and printed.

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## Sunday School Lesson

Prepared by Dr. L. Bracey Campbell

For February 21

THE MAN BORN BLIND

Bible Text: John 9.

I. BLIND.

How very much those unfortunate miss, to be sure! They live in a colorless world where no roses bloom, no apple blossoms hold the eyes with their sheer loveliness. In the back yard at my home are some plum trees given to me while they were sprouts by a kind neighbor. Last spring my wife looked at them through a window one morning while they were in full bloom, called me to look at them, and said, "They are worth all the trouble you took for them if they never bear one plum! They are so lovely in bloom." A thing no blind person could see.

Before I sat at this typewriter on this Sunday morning, I watched the saffron glow on the sky grow into the great sun. All the blind must miss. You have no doubt risen in the early morning to see "Jocund Day stand tiptoe on the misty hill-tops and have stood still with awed soul to watch the fading glories of the sunset," and have not thought how happy your lot in being able to drink the beauty of it as compared with that of the person who is blind. The light of love in the faces of the dear ones, the green-carpeted meadows and sloping hillsides upon which a thousand cattle graze, the congregated peoples brought into one vast company on behalf of some great civic cause or called by His Spirit to worship God, how great the darkness of those whose eyes see not!

And even more pitiable is that case of those the eyes of whose hearts are blind to the beauties of the God whom no man has seen or can see! Those who walk through God's great world from the cradle to the grave and never see the beneficent hand of God or even His footprints where He has walked among the hearts of men.

### A MAN BORN BLIND

On the morning of a Sabbath day long, long ago our Lord was passing the spot where such a man was sitting and, maybe, stopped and regarded the blind man for a moment. And our Lord's disciples asked Him saying, "Teacher, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he should be born blind?" Had these Jewish young men who were following the Lord and learning of Him heard of the far eastern belief that the soul is born into a different body as often as the old body dies? or did some of them believe that it was possible for a person to sin before he was born? "Oh!" I hear you say, "Nobody has little sense enough to believe that!" Soft, my brother, my sister, I heard a primitive Baptist preacher argue that very thing at the railroad station over at Union in Newton County years ago, and he had plenty of sense. Our Lord did not undertake to answer this question, because it was not the important matter. What would the answer to the question

have amounted to; and the same question might be asked concerning a long list of other questions which brother preachers and other Bible wiseacres vex themselves withal, such as the identity of Cain's wife, the identity of Melchizedek, the time of the Lord's return, and whether men commit the unpardonable sin by repeatedly neglecting to become a Christian and whether all the heathen will go to hell.

Here at the temple was a man in distressful condition, and the Lord of Life came by in the act of doing His Father's work. The Father's work includes the effort of the Almighty to secure the happiness of His children. I do not believe He wants a single one of them to live in misery. God would have all blind men and women see. God would have all cripples walk uprightly. God would have all men live as he desires they should; in His own image and likeness. And here in the person of His Son our Savior, God the Father brings this blind beggar to both the physical and mental and spiritual state in which He wants this blind man to abide.

Look at the man sitting there seeing none of the passers-by, a man who had never seen the face of his mother, who did not know there was healing for him so that he could see who did not believe on the Son of Man. So the Lord of Light and knowledge and eternal life showed the interest of God in the blind man's behalf, with the result that he obeyed the Lord as the first step-out in a faint faith that what he was asked to do might do, at least, no harm and got such result from a slight trust in the directions of an unseen stranger that, in a brief while he was saying: "I see!" "I know" "I believe."

I do not know how small a measure of faith is required to save a lost man. By no personal experience do I want to know, but here certainly is a lesson to the effect that, if only the faith is sincere, if it is real to the extent that a person is willing to act upon it, the Lord will reward it in abundant measure. Here certainly is a case like that of the man who was plowing in a field and all unexpectedly found a treasure, which he immediately realized had great value so that he bought that field. This poor blind beggar left home that Sabbath morning with no least idea that he was that day to become a man of normal sight, of heart cleansed from sin, a follower and staunch defender of the Lord against his enemies, an outcast and sufferer on account of his uncompromising stand for the truth.

### THE DELIBERATELY BLIND

I get sorry for them as I do for every other person who deliberately loses the eyes against the light yields himself to the delusion of the devil to believe a lie. They believe they are doing right in their effort to suppress the truth. The advocates of error have always been willing to persecute those who oppose them and their pretensions. These proud Pharisees were the people who thought themselves to be the repositories of the truth not only, but the only people who should be teaching it, and that it was their

## Good Stewards Increase Talents



None of the women of the Shady Grove Church in Lincoln County buried their talents, but each one was increased from three to twenty fold.

Each of the thirteen members were given a dollar by the pastor, Rev. John W. Flowers, who asked that they put the dollar to work for the Lottie Moon Christmas offering. Sewing, crocheting, poultry and stock raising were employed in the project, resulting in the largest offering the W.M.S. has ever raised for Foreign Missions.

Similar projects have been worked out for the new year with efforts for an increased offering.

Statistics released this week by the Department of Survey, Statistics, and Information, Baptist Sunday School Board, revealed that 361,835 people were baptized by Southern Baptist churches in 1953, bringing our total membership to 7,886,016. This represented a gain of 2.1 per cent in baptisms and 3.3 per cent in membership over 1952.

duty to see that no one else did teach it than their own group, and that they were thereby charged with the responsibility of guarding it against anyone else who sought to learn it after methods not the ones of the authoritative group. These are the people who, given time, will hedge the truth with a lot of their own traditions and customs, of what a young man called in my class last week, the mores of their set.

Here was a man who had been cured of blindness but the act had been performed on the Sabbath! Lay hold on that now. One must not mix clay for whatever purpose on the Holy Sabbath. Get the man who did this thing! And so the Pharisees of some group got hold of this blind man and tried by cross-examination to get him to say that he had not been healed by a beneficent power, then they tried to get his parents to deny it for him, then they tried to induce the healed man to bow to their authority, to deny the Healer on the ground that they, mind, you, the Pharisees, had adjudged this so-called healer to be a bad man. "You have no right to an opinion on this matter. We are the men to say what is and what is not." And to the beggar's protest that he could not recant, they replied by casting him out of the synagogue.

SBC Mission gifts totalled \$48,427,760, a gain of 5.7 per cent, or \$6.14 per capita, compared with \$6.00 in 1952.

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## Protestant Pastor Defies Ban On Mission Services

ROME (RNS) —Italian police have ordered the closing of a Church of Christ mission in Leghorn but its pastor said he would continue to hold services despite the ban.

The Rev. Wyndal Hudson of Seagraves, Tex., said that Police Commissioner Alfredo Canto had presented the order from Rome's prefect of police. The commissioner, Mr. Hudson said, had indicated that the mission — operated in a private hall — would be closed by force if necessary.

"We do not intend to close our doors," Mr. Hudson said. "They will be open for our services unless forcibly closed."

The police order was the latest in a long series of incidents between the Church of Christ and Italian authorities.

In September, 1952, all 22 of the denomination's churches in Italy were ordered closed down by the government. Later, however, they were permitted to reopen pending a decision on their application for recognition as an authorized religion by the Interior Ministry. No decision on this application has yet been rendered.

(Editor's Note: Where Catholics are in the majority other denominations have a hard time. It would be the same way here if they are in the majority.)

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## Long Beach Celebrates Pastor's 4th Anniversary

Long Beach Church observed the fourth anniversary of the pastorate of Rev. John W. Green on February 7.

During this time the membership has grown from 82 to 618, all church organizations have made similar progress.

Mr. Green is moderator of the Gulf Coast Association and also is state board member of the Gulf Coast Association.

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## HURRICANE CREEK HAS WINTER TIME REVIVAL

By Dr. C. E. Wilbanks  
Director of Evangelism

A rural church can have a glorious revival in mid-winter. Hurricane Creek Baptist Church, 15 miles southwest of Columbia has just done so. The pastor of this church is Richmond A. Hancock, a city-reared boy making good in the country. Many months ago they invited us to lead their revival of eight days.

During the stay of the visiting preacher the morning meetings were well attended, and the house was full each night. The Spirit of the Lord was upon all the services.

Six were received for baptism, one by promised letter and one man re-dedicated his life. The visiting evangelist still has pain in his heart from what he saw, however, he sees the same thing in every one week meeting he conducts; the meeting closing with long people holding up their hands saying "Pray for me."

## Counselor's Corner

BY DR. R. LOFTON HUDSON



Dr. Hudson, Pastor of Wornall Road Baptist Church, Kansas City, Missouri is author of "The Religion of a Mature Person" and "The Religion of a Sound Mind."

He writes this column each week for the Baptist Record.

### BAD DEACON

Question: I read your "Counselor's Corner" in our state paper and enjoy your advice on different subjects. We read with interest your article on "Bad Preacher" and this is my question.

We have a membership of about 600 in our church. Our attendance has grown more in the past four years than ever before. We have twenty-three deacons and there are eight or ten that have been on the deacon board entirely too long, they are just trouble makers and we all know they do not live or act as Christian deacons should. Is there some way we can get them to resign? Which is worse, a "Bad Preacher" or a "Bad Deacon?"

Answer: A part of the deacon's trouble in Baptist churches is the fault of just such members as you. Why do you speak of a "deacon board?" There is no authority for a board in a New Testament church. A good dictionary will tell you that "a board is a number of persons appointed or elected to sit in council for the management or direction of some public or private business or trust." Deacons are servants and are to do what the church instructs them to do. Call them "deacons" — the Bible does.

Deacons don't have a monopoly on trouble making. In fact, most deacons are fine humble Christian leaders. But most progressive Baptist churches solve the problem of changing leadership by rotating deacons. That way a bad deacon will annoy a congregation just so long and then they will quietly not vote him back into leadership.

C. S. Lewis says that he believes in democracy because fallen man is "so wicked that not one of them can be trusted with any irresponsible power over his fellows." Tell it to the church (Matt. 18:17.)

(Address all questions to Dr. Hudson, Wornall Road Baptist Church, Kansas City, Missouri.)

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Both quarter and half-time churches in the Southern Baptist Convention continue to drop, while full-time churches gained 8.4 per cent. There are now 19,295 full-time churches, compared to 2,304 quarter-time and 7,573 half-time.

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Sixty-eight people completed a study course on "Good Stewards" at Bethsaida Church in Neshoba county. Rev. C. E. Tosh, is the pastor.



Shown above is the ground-breaking ceremony for the new educational annex of the First Church, Brookhaven. The exercises were held on February 7. In the front line, from left to right are Gerald Kess (with shovel), Professor Crawford Lipsey, John B. Robertson, Jr., Harry Pell, Dr. Brooks H. Wester (pastor), W. H. Smith (with shovel) Melton Thurman, Bryant Cummings, and W. D. Lofton, Jr. (Photo by Jackson, Brookhaven)

## Edward Jenkins Ordained



It is a favorable testimony to his life that a church in the area where he has served four years, as a salesman has sought his services.

Ministers taking part in the examination and ordination were: Dr. Fred Moseley, First Church, Bogalusa, Louisiana; Rev. Macon Oswalt, Second Church, Bogalusa; Rev. Horatio Mitchell, Mt. Pleasant Church; Rev. Hartman Sullivan, Palestine Church; Rev. James B. Carpenter, Bethel Church, and Rev. Morrell Lee, Sun Church.

## Two Churches

I am thinking of two churches. These two churches have much in common. Both had a large membership in 1940, as rural church memberships go, around 200. Both of these churches are located in the open country and have a widely dispersed membership. The church field of each is about six miles across. In 1940 each church had a one room building with a Sunday School attendance of forty to fifty, both were half-time churches with a budget (if it could be called a budget) of about \$400 a year; each paid the pastor about \$300 per year (when they had a pastor).

Then it happened! One church began to pick up. The Sunday School attendance grew; they organized a Training Union, a W. M. U., and a Brotherhood; their gifts to missions increased from \$25 per year to above \$100. They bought a pastor's home; they built a new church with fifteen Sunday school rooms; baptisms increased from four to twenty-two in a years span; they called their pastor for full time; they started a mission; they increased their gifts to missions annually until this church gave over \$1,500 this year; their budget was \$12,000.

Church B continues to worship

## NICHOLS SUCCEEDS BARNES AT WESSON

Rev. George A. Nichols, who strayed over into Louisiana (Opelousas) about five years ago, has assumed the pastorate at Wesson. He succeeds Rev. C. F. Barnes who recently accepted a pastorate in McComb.

In addition to his work as pastor of the Wesson church, Mr. Nichols will teach a Bible class at Copiah-Lincoln Junior College. Mrs. Nichols will be music director of the church and will also serve as part-time B. S. U. Secretary on the Co-Lin campus. Mrs. Nichols, the former Almeta Reeves, of Summit, was at one time Education Director of St. John's Church of Charlotte, North Carolina.

Since the church building was completed in 1949, a modern parsonage, valued at \$14,000, has been constructed. The church building is valued at \$130,000.

in a one room building. There has been some increase in gifts but not much. They still report forty to fifty in Sunday school; they have the same old excuses for not having a Training Union and the other organizations. They did not cooperate with the simultaneous revivals; they gave \$50 to the Co-Operative Program last year and \$12 worth of produce to the Orphan's home.

There is a reason. The first church named called a trained pastor in 1942. He brought into the church a positive program, and "know-how" and an evangelistic fire hot from the coals of a seminary class in evangelism; he remained on the job to see the results of his work.

This is no fabrication. I am looking at the record as I write, these churches are in the same state, in the same association. The situation can be duplicated in other associations, investigate the record.

Pastors in churches like the second one named may not be able to go to the seminary, but much of his training can be brought to his mail box through the Seminary Extension Department of the Southern Baptist Seminaries. For further information write to Director Lee Gallman, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Miss.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD HAS NEW DEPARTMENT



MRS. A. DURANT PYLAND

NASHVILLE, Tenn. —(BP)—Plans for the creation of a church recreation service of the Baptist Sunday School Board were completed this week when Mrs. Agnes Durant Pyland assumed her duties as secretary of the Board's newest phase of work.

As Dr. James L. Sullivan, executive secretary-treasurer of the Board, welcomed Mrs. Pyland, he said, "When the executive committee of the Board in its August, 1953 meeting voted to establish a Church Recreation Service, they believed a long-felt need of Southern Baptists had been met." At that time Mrs. Pyland was selected as secretary.

A native of Florida, Mrs. Pyland received her elementary and secondary education there and in Birmingham, Ala. She attended Judson College; has a diploma from the Curry School of Expression, Boston, Mass.; Bachelor of Missionary Training, WNU Training School, Louisville, Ky.; B. A. degree, Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, Tex.; M. R. E., Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex.

A contributor to various Southern Baptist denominational publications, Mrs. Pyland is also author of Playtime, a book of social recreation written especially for church organizations, published by Broadman Press.